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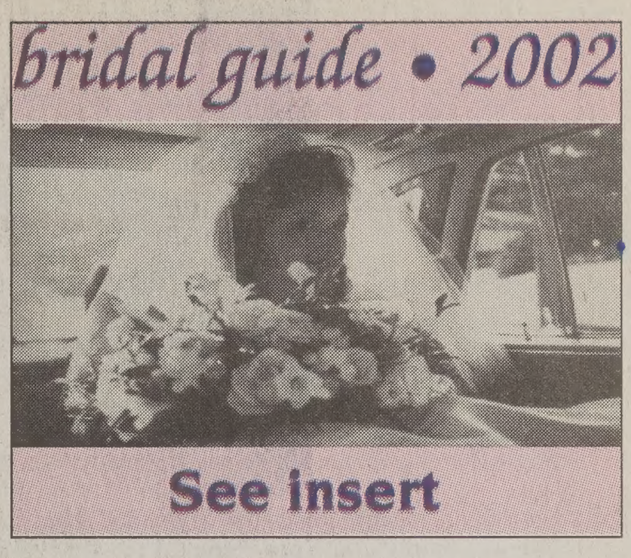

Utah woman braves 'Survivor' series

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Neleh Dennis will soon become another Latter-day Saint reality-TV celebrity when episodes of the series "Survivor: Marqueasas" begins airing Feb. 28.

Dennis, 21, of Layton, will not only be showcasing herself on the show, but in a way, her religious convictions as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"Survivor" participants are allowed a luxury item for the show. While others chose items like teddy bears and footballs, Dennis chose her scriptures.

"I knew that they would bring me comfort when times were tough," she said.

Both of Dennis' parents are converts to the Church of Jesus Christ, and her mother was a BYU graduate.

"To me my religion means a ton," she said. "I didn't go out there to be a preaching Mormon, I just went out there for myself. Hopefully it will be a good example."

She said her motive for applying to be on the show was adventure, which has always been a big part of her life.

Colleen Sullivan, CBS director of publicity, said that religion played a secondary role, if any, in deciding who would be in the show.

"Ultimately when we are casting we are looking for 16 dynamic people with charisma, personality and charm," she said.

Although the show was finished filming before Christmas, Dennis said that network contracts keep her from talking at length about it.

Dennis is getting noticed, according to Reita Bybee, counter manager for Clinique in the Meier and Frank store in the Layton Hills Mall, where Dennis is employed.

Dennis signed her first autograph in the store last Thursday, Bybee said.

Dennis is employed at the counter giving makeovers, and Bybee said she is looking to play up Dennis as a new advantage over her make-up counter competitors.

"She is so awesome, she is so good," Bybee said, who has long been a "Survivor" fan. "She could survive anywhere."

Dennis is a former Weber State University student and has studied nursing and psychology. She is now pursuing a career in cosmetology.

Dennis said she is unsure how widely she will be recognized by people, but said that she hopes the effect she has is positive.

"I just hope to be able to do a lot of good from this," she said. "That would be my greatest reward."

Melody Harrison/Daily Universe

Neleh Dennis, a Layton resident, will appear as one of 16 "Survivor" contestants for the season that premiers Feb. 28 on CBS.

BYUSA conducts self-evaluation

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Adam Charles/Daily Universe

Robert Foster, recently-elected BYUSA president for the 2002-03 school year, answers students' questions in front of the Wilkinson Student Center last week.

BYUSA is refining the campaign rules to better serve the student body.

Due to the recent election, a need to evaluate how the student government operates has been shown. Each year at the end of the elections, the rules committee reviews various infractions by the candidates, said Joshua Dahmer, rules committee president.

"The rules are refined each year to clear up the definition of what the rules intend," said Dahmer, 23, a junior from Wenatchee, Wash., majoring in information systems.

The rules committee may find it necessary to revise the campaigning rules to ensure all the candidates understand the rules, he said.

"I felt that at the beginning of the elections that we were being punished for what has happened in the past," said Don Bennion, one of the candidates for student body president. "My feelings were stronger in the beginning against the rules, but now I better understand the rules and the wisdom behind them."

The rules guide the BYUSA elections and help define how candidates portray who they are and what they want to accomplish, Dahmer said.

"I think BYU wants to avoid the political playing field. They want everyone to be on neutral ground," Bennion said.

Bennion, 23, a junior from Wenatchee, Wash., majoring in mathematics, said he feared that having such defining rules eliminated the possibility of showing individual candidates' personalities.

"In the real world you buy your votes. In the idealized setting of BYU, it's a good idea to have a $300 budget, because if you can do something creative with that, it shows ingenuity," said Gavin McCaleb, 26, a graduate student in public administration from Boise, Idaho.

By improving the rules, BYUSA can incorporate people who can make a difference on campus.

Even though BYUSA cannot make university policy changes, it can make the administration aware of what the students care about, said BYUSA President Matt Blackner.

"If a student saw that there was a flaw in a policy, we want to know, and it's probably something that needs to be looked at," said Blackner, 24, a senior from Sacramento, Calif., majoring in international studies.

Bennion said BYUSA has made students apathetic because it has painted a picture of not having the power to make a difference.

President-elect Robert Foster said BYUSA offers students a chance to get involved and make a difference.

Watch for bioterror increases

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Enhanced surveillance is key in keeping residents and spectators safe from bioterrorism during the Olympic Games, according to the Utah County Health Department.

The Utah County Health Department is checking with hospitals, pharmacies and clinics daily for any suspicious trends that would suggest an outbreak of anthrax, smallpox or pneumonic plague, which historically have had the most mass destruction capabilities.

So far, there is no evidence of contamination or outbreak, but police officials, the Center for Disease Control and water quality departments remain on alert, said Ralph Clegg, of the Utah County Health Department.

"Things can be dispersed in a way that's not obvious," Clegg said.

Incubation periods for bioterror diseases may last up to 60 days, as in cutaneous anthrax, which means chemical agents may be placed in an environment where people can be exposed for long periods of time before being diagnosed, he said.

Spurred by the Sept. 11 attacks and anthrax aftermath, President Bush has requested an increase of $4.5 billion for federal and state agencies to combat the threat of bioterrorism.

Pam Davenport, public information officer for the Salt Lake Valley Health Department, said she has not yet heard of any threats of bioterrorism, but Salt Lake Valley Health Department is working to ensure the health and safety of residents within the Salt Lake County area.

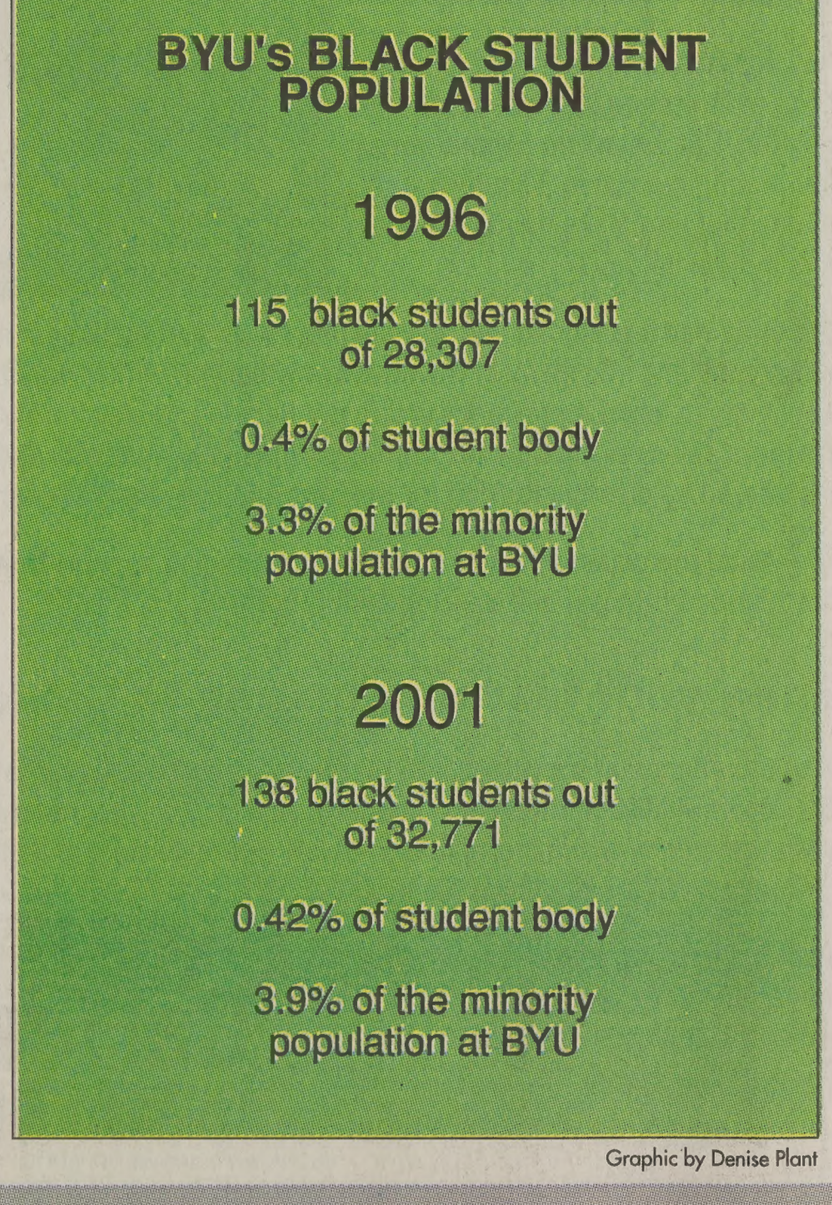
"Since 9-11, the Salt Lake Valley Health Department and those other agencies responsible for water quality have been on heightened alert," Davenport said. "Of course, we have the Olympics here also, which puts us on an additional heightened alert."

Brian Bennion, Salt Lake Valley Health Department Bureau manager for water quality and hazardous waste, said water treatment systems have undergone increased surveillance measures that started even before Sept. 11 in preparation for the Olympics and based on concerns about terrorist groups.

"It's the individual water districts themselves," Bennion said.

"They put in a lot of cameras to monitor different areas that might be at risk.

"They have alarm systems that they used to not have."


BYU's BLACK STUDENT POPULATION
1996
115 black students out of 28,307
0.4% of student body
3.3% of the minority population at BYU
2001
138 black students out of 32,771
0.42% of student body
3.9% of the minority population at BYU

Graphic by Denise Plant

Y black population low, but slowly increasing

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With Black History Month half over, supporters of racial diversity have noticed that the black student population at BYU is growing, but very slowly.

In the fall of 1996, there were 115 black students out of a total of 28,307 BYU students, said Janet Rex, information manager for University Communications. That represented 0.4 percent of the student body.

During Fall Semester 2001, 138 black students attended BYU out of a total of 32,771 students, Rex said. Those 138 students represent 0.42 percent of the student body.

"There has been some growth, but very little," said Alisha Pixton, a senior from Seattle majoring in therapeutic recreation. "It is not great numbers every year."

Pixton is the student coordinator for Black History Month.

The number of black students in 1996 represented 3.3 percent of the minority population at BYU. Last semester that number climbed to 3.9 percent, Rex said.

Students say that one of the main reasons the black student population is not growing faster is because of the environment of Utah.

"It would be hard to take someone from a predominately black area and put them into predominately white community," Pixton said.

Pixton is the first person from her family to come to BYU. She said that most black students are the first ones from their families to attend BYU.

Pixton said that while it is hard to be in a predominately white culture, there are many things that help black students such as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Black Student Union.

Abe Mills, the multi-cultural coordinator, said that he has seen growth in the black student population since he was a student here in 1990. Mills is the advisor for the Black Student Union and said that the union has especially grown a lot in the last 10 years.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Olympic spirit shines despite failure

PARK CITY, Utah — Not every great Olympic moment ends with a gold medal. Moguls skier Teppei Noda of Japan offered the latest proof of that Tuesday during a harrowing and courageous trip down the mountain.

Noda, a five-year veteran of the Japanese ski team, caught a nasty bump leading up to his first jump in qualifying.

He started falling backward as he approached the first jump. He skidded over the icy takeoff ramp, the side of his neck hitting at an awkward angle as he cleared it.

It was quite a wipeout.

Noda's ski came off in the tangle, but he was not ready to give up on the run.

"I did it for honor, and because this is the Olympics," Noda said.

Sidestepping slowly up the hill, Noda retrieved the ski and slapped his boot back into the binding while the fans cheered wildly.

"I wanted to complete this," Noda said.

Senate Majority leader criticizes Bush

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority leader Tom Daschle said President Bush was wrong to label Iran, Iraq and North Korea as an "axis of evil," giving a hint of Democratic dissent in the war on terrorism.

In an interview Monday on PBS' "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," Daschle said Bush's phrase has had some negative repercussions.

"I think that it's important for us to look at each of these countries as threats to this country clearly, as problems that we've got to address clearly," Daschle said.

"But I think we've got to be very careful with the rhetoric of that kind. We've already seen the moderates in Iran scramble to draw distance between us and them, and I think we've got to be very careful with how we approach all three countries."

On Monday, Daschle made it clear he felt the three countries posed a threat, but thought Bush's phrase caused problems.

Computer hackers could face life term

WASHINGTON — Computer hackers could face up to life in prison for their crimes under a bill being considered by a House panel Tuesday.

The bill would expand computer crime provisions in the federal anti-terrorism legislation passed in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The government is increasingly concerned about the well-being of government and business computer systems in the face of both teen hackers and foreign cybersoldiers.

"As we increase individuals' physical safety at our airports, borders and even sporting events, we should not forget to strengthen cybersecurity as well," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, the bill's sponsor.

The bill would give judges greater flexibility in imposing sentences for computer crimes. Current law ties the severity of the crime to the cost of damage done and limits jail terms to 10 years.

118 believed dead in Iranian jet crash

KHORRAMABAD, Iran — An Iranian passenger jet crashed Tuesday in the mountains of western Iran amid snow and rain, and all 118 passengers and crew on board were believed dead, an official said.

Residents reported hearing an explosion and seeing the sky lit with red as the Russian Tu-154 went down in the Sefid Kouh mountains outside Khorramabad.

Rescue workers were delayed by snow and heavy fog before finally reaching the crash site. Reza Niknam, an advisor to the governor-general of Lorestan province, said he saw many remains on the mountainside and believes nobody could have survived.

"All the passengers and crew members died in the crash," he said.

Hamid Fouladvand, an official who visited the crash scene, said the cause of the crash is not known, though it had been snowing and raining in the area at the time.

Police arrest Islamic militant on WSJ reporter kidnapping

Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — Police arrested a British-born Islamic militant Tuesday they say masterminded the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl — the biggest break yet in the quest to free him. An official close to the investigation said the suspect told police Pearl is alive.

Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, 27, was arrested Tuesday afternoon in the eastern city of Lahore, according to Tasneem Noorani, a senior official of Pakistan's Interior Ministry. Saeed was expected to be transferred to Karachi for further questioning.

Following the arrest, police fanned out across this city of 14 million people, raiding homes of suspected Islamic extremists and searching settlements along the bleak and thinly populated Pakistani coast. Police cautioned that rescuing Pearl could still take time.

Saeed "is one who is highly educated and one who I would feel is a hard nut to crack," Karachi Police Chief Kamal Shah said. "I don't think it would be very easy to break him straight away. It would take time I feel before we get all the details about Daniel from his interrogation."

Saeed's capture followed an intensive, nationwide manhunt and was announced ahead of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's meeting Wednesday with President Bush in Washington. Musharraf is expected to seek U.S. economic and political support to help combat Muslim extremism in this predominantly Islamic country of 147 million people.

The Pearl kidnapping has been an embarrassment for Musharraf, who's been trying to dispel Pakistan's image as a hotbed of Islamic fundamentalism. Saeed's arrest is a boost for the Pakistani leader as he meets Bush.

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> — Kamal Shah, Karachi police chief

Pearl, 38, the Journal's South Asia bureau chief, disappeared Jan. 23 on his way to meet with Islamic extremist contacts. He was believed working on a story about links between Pakistani militants and Richard C. Reid, the man accused of trying to detonate explosives hidden in his sneakers on a Paris-to-Miami flight in December.

Jamil Yousuf, head of a citizen-police liaison committee involved in the investigation, said the bearded, bespectacled Saeed told police that threats to kill Pearl were not carried out. "He's alive. He's OK," Yousuf quoted Saeed as saying of Pearl.

Yousuf said the key break came Monday night with the arrest of a suspect in the capital of Islamabad who gave crucial information. Yousuf did not elaborate.

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Associated Press

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — … student claiming to h… held nearly two doz… and an associate profe… Tuesday before rele… unharmed, authorities …

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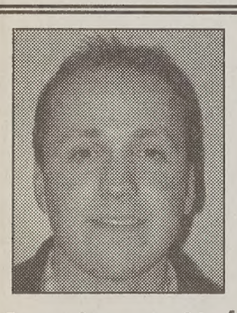

"Wherefore, be not weary in well-doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work. And out of small things proceedeth that which is great."

— *D&C 64:33*

Brant Stewart, 21, from Henderson, Nev., majoring in zoology, likes this scripture because "sometimes when I think I'm not accomplishing anything too great, I think of this scripture and it reminds me that if I'm doing the right things, the Lord will accomplish the right things through me.."

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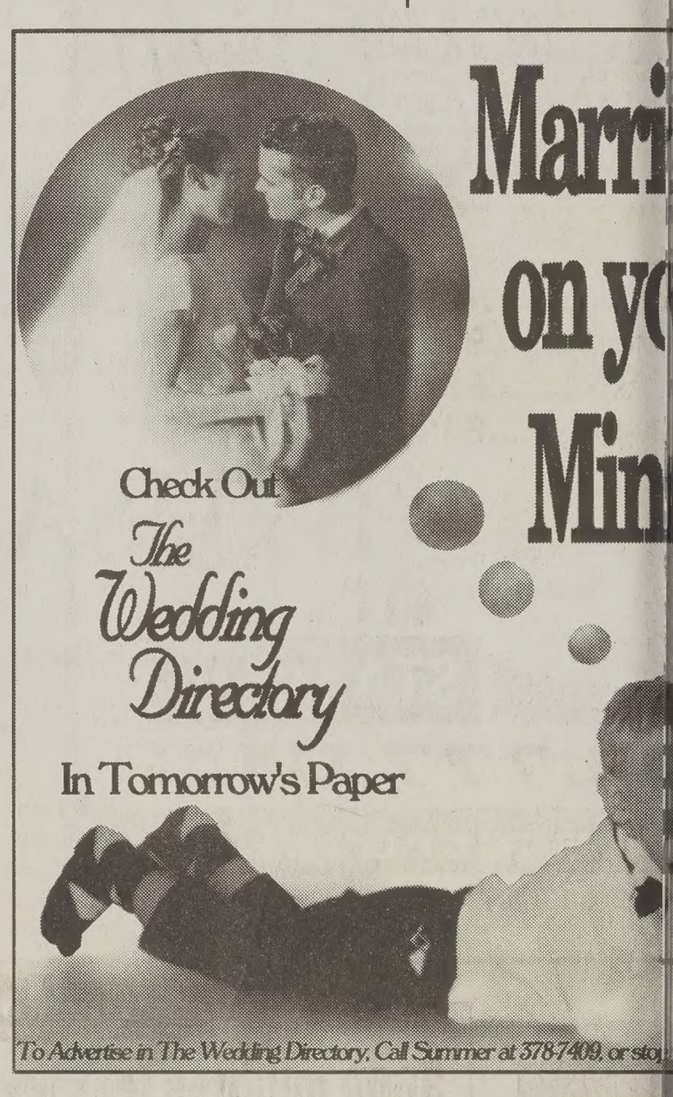

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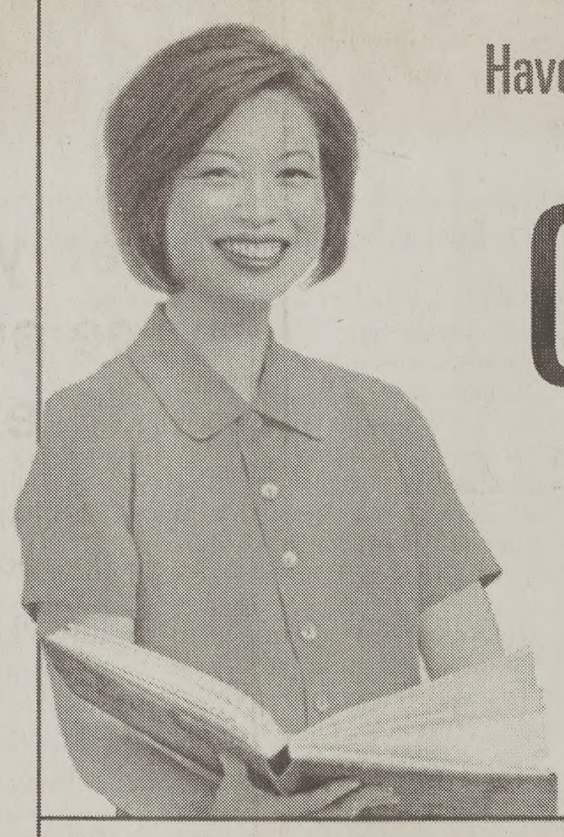

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to the population residents and the Provo City School District share the facility.

High school students involved in competitive swimming, senior citizens doing water aerobics and children learning to swim frequent the center's swimming pool.

Members from a variety of demographic groups have complained about the packed facility.

Ben Jolley, a Provo resident, said, "My children are the right age for swimming lessons, but the facilities are so crowded there is nowhere to take them."

Billings said he recognizes the dilemma and has heard the complaints.

"Some of the firemen are training for the Ironman competition, but the only time available to train is at 4:15 in the morning," he said.

On the other hand, senior women complain to Billings because the water temperature is cool and it is uncomfortable for water aerobics.

For the past two years, Provo has explored the possibility of a new recreation center.

An interest survey, feasibility report and possible architectural designs have been completed, Thomas said.

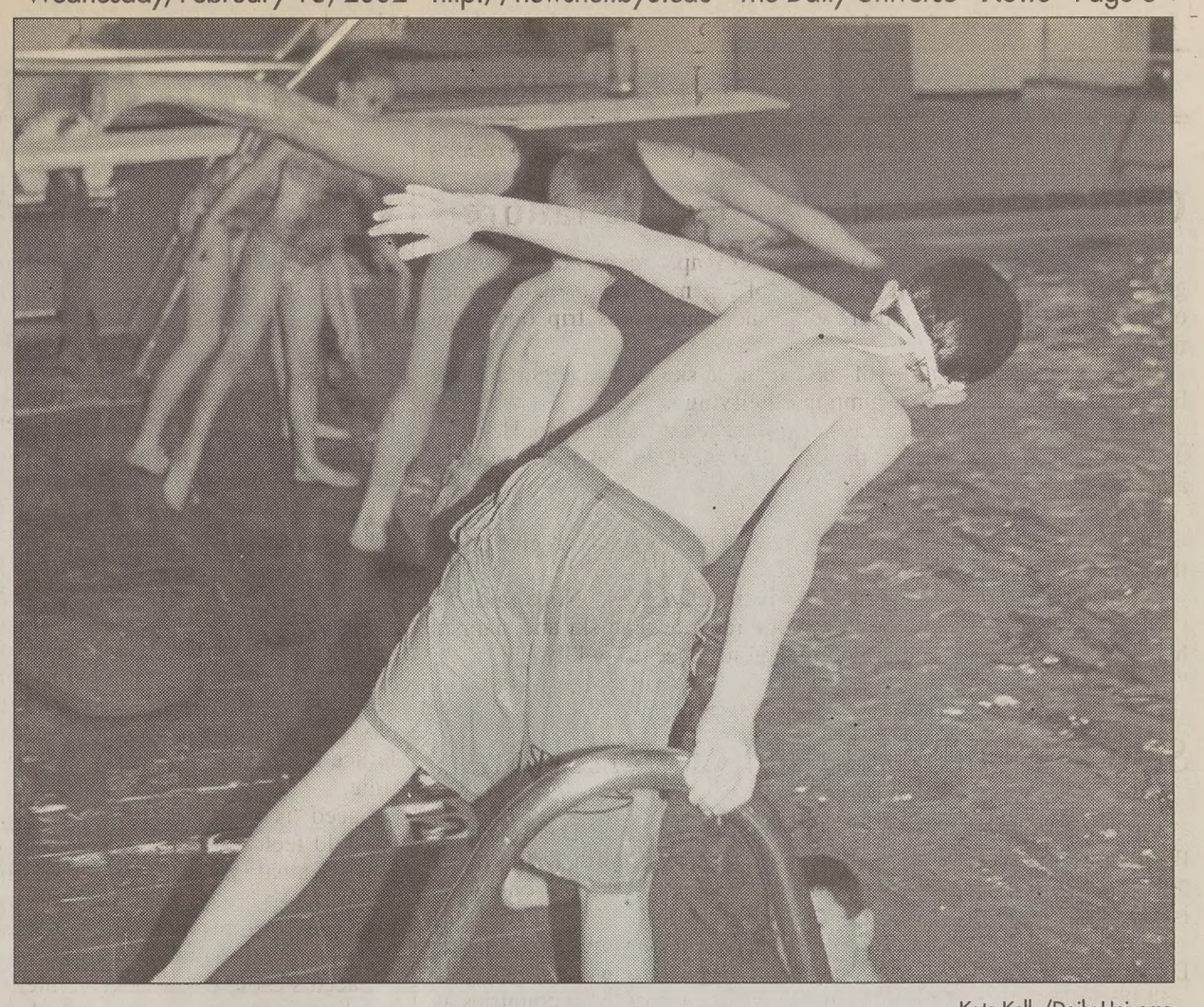
"There is no doubt that there is a lot of interest from the survey, but a recreation center like this is very expensive," he said.

Thomas and Billings agree funding is the key issue holding up construction.

Billings said he hopes to keep capital purchase cost separate from the operation and maintenance cost through the fees charged by the center.

"We are traveling to other rec centers to see what kind of revenue is generated from the fees that are charged," Billings said.

"If the leaders now don't have the courage to try and find a way, there will be leaders who will come along with greater courage and vision who will. It will happen," Thomas said.



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Children practice swimming and diving at the Provo recreation center. Because of a lack of funding, the construction of a new center has been delayed.

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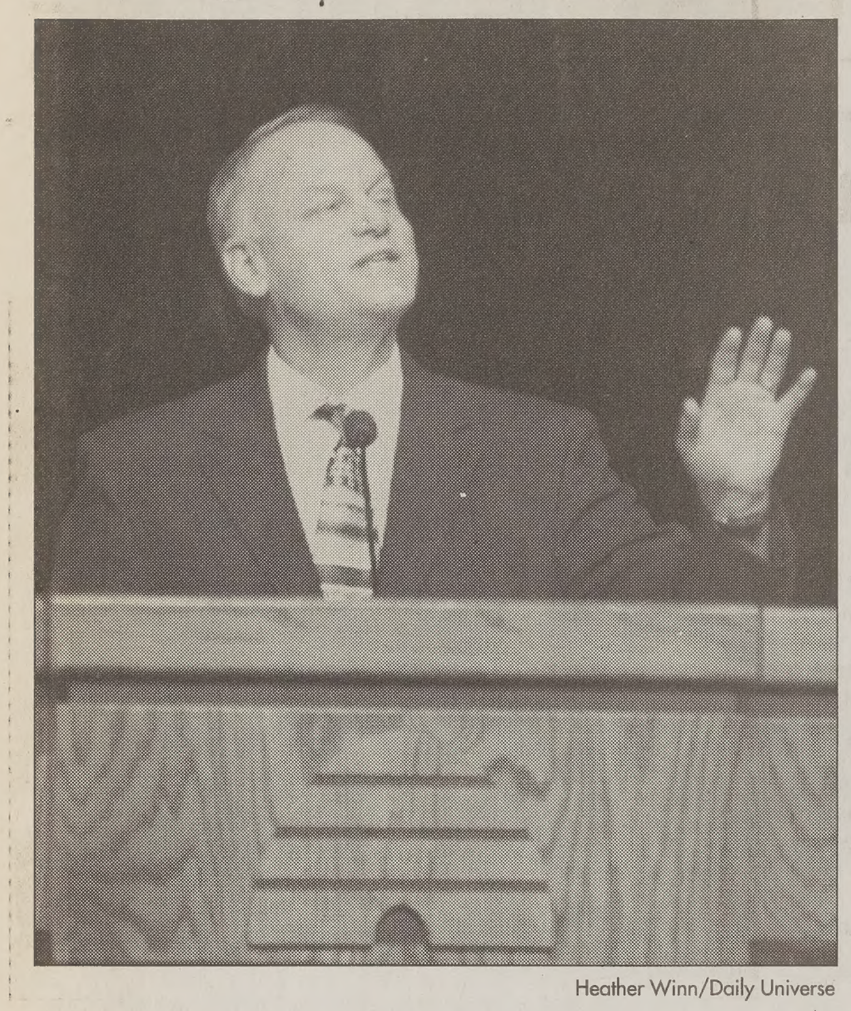

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Dennis Largey, associate professor of ancient scripture, spoke at the Devotional on Tuesday. He challenged students to evaluate their lives and determine what changes they could make to intensify the light in their lives. He also challenged them to try and get rid of things in their lives that would diminish that light.

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Dennis Largey challenged students at Tuesday's Devotional to increase the light of Christ in their lives.

He challenged students to make a list of things that could intensify the light in their lives, and a list of the things that could diminish it.

He then challenged students to ask themselves, "How can I improve in those things that intensify light, and what can I simply let go of which takes light away?""

Largey, an associate professor of ancient scripture at BYU, focused his remarks on the importance of possessing the light of Christ.

"Having light is evidence that Jesus Christ is part of our life," he said. "Spiritual people reflect the light of Jesus Christ in their lives and in their countenances."

Largey said that a great robbery is currently taking place in the world, where Satan is the thief with the objective of robbing the Lord's people of their light.

"Since he cannot conventionally steal light against one's will, his efforts and temptations are designed to entice his targets to voluntarily yield it up," he said.

Light is like a protective shield that can withstand the fiery darts of the adversary, Largey said.

"To put on the armor of God is to put on the Lord Jesus Christ," he said. "This light — his light — forsakes the evil one."

How much light an individual possesses, said Largey, is largely up to the individuals themselves and determined through their response to the commandments.

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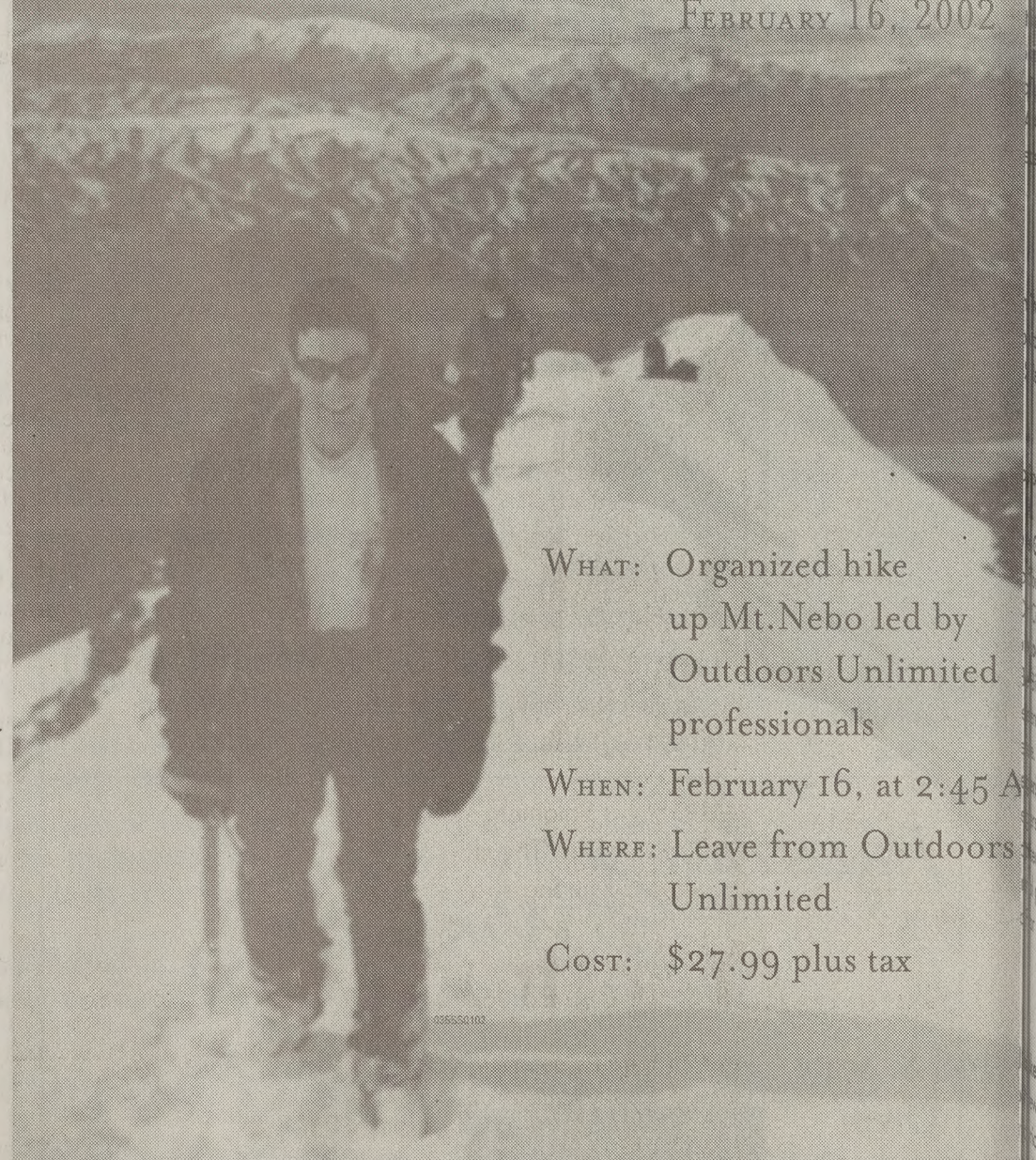

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Diverse Y cultures bring unique views

Little diversity in BYU police officers

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Despite the fact that no women police officers are currently employed at BYU, the university and the police department say they hire employees based on their qualifications.

Captain Michael Harroun hires all patrol officers for the university as the director of Police Services Division. He said officers are hired based on their skills, not their gender.

"I look for people who have experience, good work ethics, self-motivation and education," Harroun said. "Not if they're male or female, black or white."

Melissa Flores, the Equal Employment Opportunity manager for BYU, said the university provides an equal opportunity for all applicants. BYU encourages women to apply, but there is no set quota on how many of each gender should be employed in each department, Flores said.

"We don't say that 25 percent or 30 percent of employees have to be male or female because more and more courts are holding such quotas as illegal," Flores said

It has been two years since the last female officer was employed at the university, Harroun said.

It is tough to recruit and retain women police officers because of BYU's environment, said Lt. Arnold Lemmon

"Working for a university, particularly a church university, is quite a bit different then a typical police department," Harroun said.

Andrea Birch, the last full-time female officer that worked for the university, said BYU's 'unique environment, like the Honor Code, causes a dilemma for some female officers.

"Most female officers who are not members of the church aren't willing to live the Honor Code because it is not their lifestyle," Birch said.

Another reason women officers do not apply for jobs at BYU is because they are married and have young families, Harroun said, so they usually try to find jobs that are more conducive to their lifestyles.

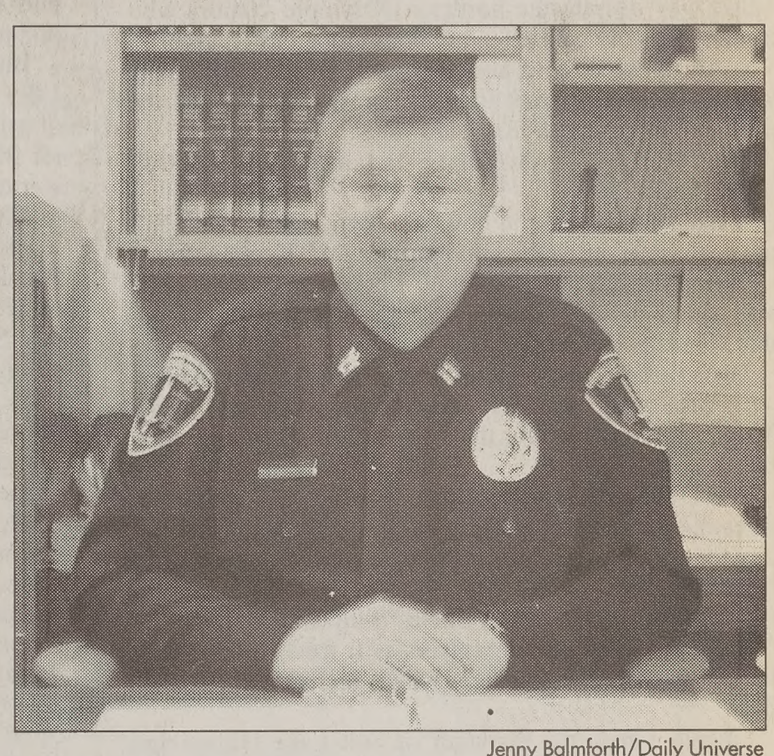
The majority of job openings at the university are patrol officer positions that require demanding shifts, Harroun said. Women officers with families usually try to find jobs in law enforcement that adapt to their lifestyle, said Harroun.

Birch said during the five years she worked at BYU as a patrol officer and supervisor, her family size grew, which made the shift hours more difficult.

Although female officers are a minority at the university, Birch said for the most part she was treated like any other officer.

"Some of the officers were leery of me because I was a women, but generally I was treated normally," Birch said.

Currently there is a patrol officer position available, Harroun said and out of 10 applications, three have been from female officers.



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Captain Michael Harroun hires all patrol officers for Brigham Young University. The university hires based on qualifications, not gender. It has been two years since the last female officer was employed at the university.

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Lorie Thompson waits in her apartment. Many ethnic students acknowledge the difficulties of dating at BYU.

Narrow dating choices for multi-cultural students

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For multi-cultural students looking to date people with similar backgrounds, it's slim pickins' with only 11 percent of BYU to choose from.

Multi-cultural students have expressed the difficulty of dating at BYU, not only because there are few who come from the same ethnic group, but because they are treated differently by those who aren't.

"It's hard because I feel like I'm invisible," said Lorie Thompson, 19, a Korean American, and a sophomore from McLean, Va., majoring in nursing. Thompson said she hasn't been asked out much. People draw conclusions about her and some even talk to her slowly, assuming she doesn't know English, she said.

Melinda Mori, 19, a third generation Japanese-American and a sophomore from San Diego, Calif., who has not declared a major, said that it annoys her when Asian men ask her out just because she's Asian. She wants someone who likes her for her.

But not all BYU's multi-cultural students are determined to date members of their same race.

Mori said that dating people from the same ethnic background isn't important to her; although, she would like to see more diversity and open-mindedness.

Anita Mensah, 20, a junior who's black from Georgia majoring in nursing, said that if multi-cultural students are looking for someone at BYU who is the same race, it'd be hard to date, but if they're not, there is a great selection.

Black pioneer artifacts on display

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Artifacts once belonging to black Latter-day Saint pioneers are now part of an exhibit at the Washington D.C. Temple Visitor's Center in honor of Black History Month.

The Mark E. Mitchell Collection of African-American History contains over 400 years of rare African-American artifacts.

In the Latter-day Saint exhibit, visitors will find photographs and manuscripts, including the personal history of Jane Manning James, an early black Latter-day Saint pioneer.

"To have them all in one area is astounding," said Margaret Young, an English instructor of literature and languages at BYU and co-author of two books about the lives of several black Latter-day Saint pioneers. Young took part in the public opening of the exhibit.

"This is the one of the great bridge makers for the church to have their visitor's center be packed with non-LDS African-Americans," Young said.

She said the church continues to strive to fill racial gaps especially in places such as Washington D.C. where there is a large black population.

"I think this will be the beginning of something," Young said.

The Latter-day Saint pioneer exhibit includes a portrait of Green Flake, one of the early black members of the church, and a sculpture of Elijah Abel, one of the first black converts.

"We couldn't cover all of the black pioneers, but we got many of the major figures," she said.

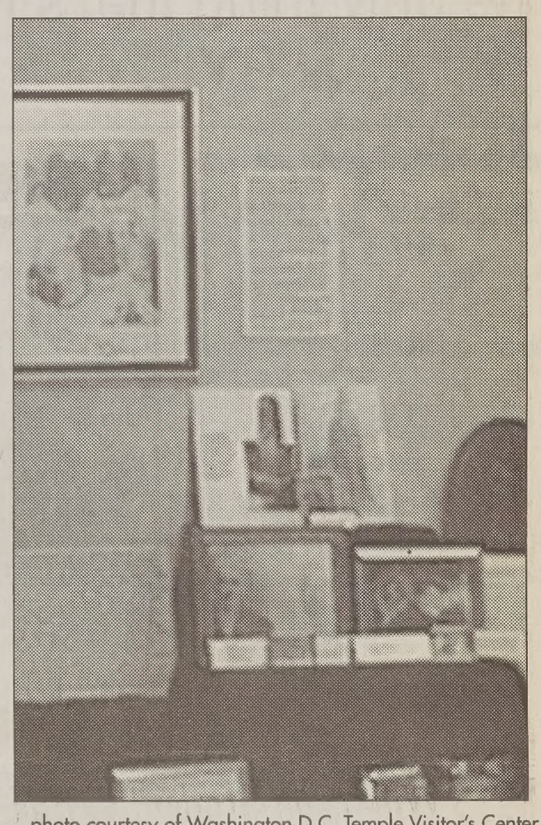
Darius Gray co-authored two books with Young. As president of the Genesis group, he participated in the exhibit's ribbon-cutting ceremony. He said it is marvelous to see these pieces of history come together for public viewing.

"It's not just black history, it's not Mormon history, it's American history, and to have those two together is as it should be," Gray said.

Some of the other artifacts in the exhibit include letters from Frederick Douglass, an unpublished poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar and a letter from Jackie Robinson to a sick child.

The exhibit found a home at several other locations before coming to the temple Visitor's Center.

The exhibit has been recommended as the main display for the proposed National Museum of African American History and Culture.



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Pictures of Elijah Abel and Isaac Lewis Manning are some of the LDS African Americans featured in the display.

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Mohammad Salameh, 22, a senior from Amman, Jordan, holds a copy of "The Haj," a book that has sparked some controversy among Arab students.

Middle Eastern students battle biases

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Palestinian BYU students said they are frustrated by stereotypes most Americans hold about their race and culture.

However, they find great honor in the moral environment provided at BYU.

The way the media portrays Palestinians is unfair and inaccurate and should be seen as a misrepresentation, said Mohammad Salameh, 22, a senior from Amman, Jordan, majoring in information systems.

"This is especially true after the events of Sept. 11," he said.

At a discussion that took place in the Wilkinson Student Center on Thursday, students had the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers about how their peers from the Arab countries view the world.

"We are embarrassed by the events of Sept. 11, but there is nothing we can do," said Hani Almadhoun, 20, a junior from the Gaza Strip, Israel, majoring in international studies.

Almadhoun said the media is biased and ignorant to what the Middle East and Palestinians are really about.

"In the West we don't always get to see all sides of the issue," said Chad Emmett, professor of geography and assistant coordinator of the Arab Club.

Emmett told of his experience living within the culture of the Middle East.

"I lived in Nazareth, in 1989, during the Arab uprising, and the more I witnessed, the more I realized the conflict wasn't a black and white issue," he said.

Emmett told of touring the Arab country with his parents and seeing the Arab homes and lands that had been destroyed.

"Once we had been informed and had a chance to meet the people, the previous opinions we held changed," he said.

The Arab students also had the opportunity to educate fellow students about what they feel are common misconceptions Americans have about their race and country.

Salameh indicated an example of what he feels is a false stereotype of Palestinians in the book by Leon Uris, "The Haj."

He explained the book is required a class. He and his brother go to bed angry and frustrated after reading what he feels is an unfair representation of his culture and race.

Y instructor writes book explaining black history

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It may seem odd to some people that a red-haired BYU instructor has chosen to write a trilogy about black history.

"It came as an assignment from God," said Margaret Young, a BYU English instructor.

The decision to publish came for a variety of reasons.

Black history had been told from various viewpoints. However, it had not been told from an Latter-day Saint standpoint, Young said.

"We had not yet heard from the pioneers of color at the time Darius and I started writing the trilogy," Young said.

Young and co-author Darius Gray completed "Bound For Canaan," the second book of the trilogy, three weeks ago.

The trilogy will also help to improve stereotypes concerning blacks, Young said.

"It will always be a temptation in all cultures to divide ourselves along cultural, racial or gender lines and to justify ourselves in mistreating others by labeling them as 'less than' we are," Young said.

"But such is contrary to the most fundamental principles of Christianity — or of most religions. God is no respecter of persons," she said.

The trilogy has aided individuals in seeing who blacks really are.

"We need to look within a person, not just at the color of their skin," said Jared Hatch, 23, a junior from Snowflake, Ariz., majoring in business management.

The biggest decision made by Young and Gray was who should publish the trilogy.

"Deseret Book wanted to publish the book.

"They approached us, not visa versa. They felt that the story needed to be told from a faithful standpoint and published by an official church press," Young said.

The decision to publish with Deseret Book has opened a variety of doors for the history of black Latter-day Saints to be portrayed accurately, Young said.

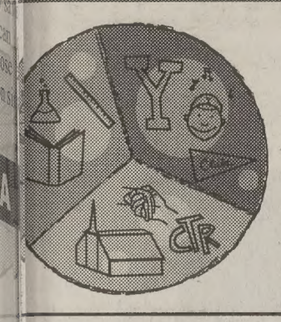
When the church released the Freedman Bank Records, all dignitaries participating in the ceremonies were given complimentary copies of "One More River To Cross," Young said.

People have been responding to the new book, "Bound For Canaan," extremely well, she said.

"As far as I know, no Mormons have reviewed it as yet. Publishers Weekly called it 'a treasure'," Young said.

Improvement on how BYU students view blacks has improved in the past 30 years.

"The stereotypes have improved enormously, but not enough. It will never be enough until we truly understand in our whole souls that we are actually alike unto God, brothers and sisters eternally," Young said.



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Salt Lake keeps clean through Games

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — This place has a reputation as a squeaky clean town, and officials are determined to keep it that way despite the hordes of Olympic visitors who casually toss out half-eaten hot dogs and greasy napkins.

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Mike Runyan's crews make certain visitors see Salt Lake's best side.

"I like to take pride in how the town looks. I wouldn't call it glorious, but it's a good profession," Runyan said.

During the days more than 60 workers roam the streets with "litter pickers" — portable trash bins with extendable wands to snag rubbish.

Their fastidiousness stems from Mayor Rocky Anderson's orders to keep Salt Lake City spiffy, said Nikki Bown, spokeswoman for the city's public services department.

The Olympics is expected to produce more than 44 times the normal amount of trash in downtown Salt Lake City. And the city hopes to recycle up to 85 percent of that waste, Bown said. The city has hired Green Valley contractors to separate recyclables from landfill trash.

However, Olympic organizers will truck trash out of the official Olympic Square, which includes the medals plaza.

Laynee Jones, the manager of Salt Lake Organizing Committee's waste management program, estimates the 14 venues will produce 5 million pounds of trash during the 17 days of the games.

"If we are doing our jobs and keeping the city clean, then most people don't notice," Bown said.

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The only thing that's free at BYU.

'Blue Orange' play explores issues of pride and prejudice

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BYU's Masque Club is presenting a play that deals with issues of pride and prejudice.

"Blue Orange" was born in London in 1999 and explores the destructive forces of pride, said Martha Porschet, 21, a senior from Palmyra, N.Y., majoring in theater education and director of the play.

"The play is about the pride cycle. Racial conflict is a peripheral issue," Porschet said. "A lot of us, as members of The Church of Jesus Chris of Latterday Saints, and as students at BYU, struggle with the issue of pride."

The play is sensitive with issues like pride, mental illness and racism, Porschet said.

One of the main actors in the play Rusty Terry, 22, a sophomore from Port Orchard, Wash., majoring in computer science, said this play deals with issues that are unique.

"Schizophrenia is an issue that isn't dealt with a lot. The play lets you look at a party of life no one gets to see very often," Terry said.

Another main actor Kulvè Vann, 21, a freshman from Milledgeville, Ga., majoring in marriage, family and human development, said the play looks at the effects of prejudice.

"Even if we try to pretend prejudice doesn't happen, it's a reality that some people have to face because they are different," Vann said. "Everybody's big fear is put on stage. People are treated in a certain way because they are different."

"Blue Orange" will be performed at 1, 2, and 4 p.m. Thursday in the Nelke Theater, located inside the Harris Fine Arts Center, free of charge.

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Kulve Vann and Jon Tolman perform during a rehearsal of 'Blue Orange.'

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Vernetti, 24, a senior ntonville, Ark. majoring national law and diploma- volunteering for the es. His mission is clear: n the hoards of visitors to get through security at venues.

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Brett Parson, a Utah State student, polices a different frontier—the French one.

Parson, 25, from Rexburg, Idaho, majoring in public relations, is the sole French translator for International Sports Broadcasting.

ISB films all events at Snowbasin and sells rights to the film to a score of European companies, he said.

Anytime a language barrier arises between media outlets in Europe and ISB operations in Utah, Parson saves the day.

"It's an incredible volunteer opportunity because I'm right in the thick of things," Parson said. "Any communications problems could really mess things up."

The opportunity comes with a price. Parson leaves at 4:30 a.m. and doesn't see his Logan home again until 8 or 9 p.m., he said.

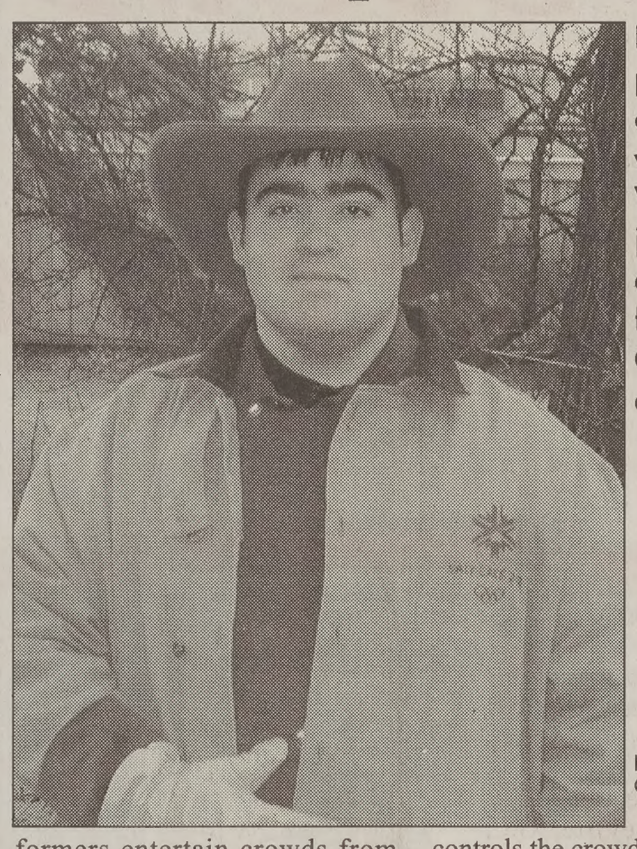
Still, he insists it's all worth it because he's managed to penetrate the "choosy" French ski team to hob nob with international ski champions such as Pierrick Bourgeat.

"I think it means a lot to them that I would bother to learn their language and work hard to speak it well," Parson said.

Peter Taylor, 23, from Salt Lake City an accounting major, said he doesn't encounter any language barriers because he works in the universal medium of music.

"I'm a stagehand," Taylor said. "I make sure the street concerts near Olympic Square go well."

Singers, dancers and other performers entertain crowds from noon till midnight, with a pause for the nightly concerts at the Medals Plaza, Taylor said.



Bryan Vernetti poses for the camera in his western garb. Vernetti tells jokes, sings and dances for his Olympic experience.

photo courtesy of Chris Saling

"I can't say the concerts wouldn't happen without me," Taylor said. "But I try to put my personal charm on everything that comes on the stage."

Acts such as UVSC's Fire and Ice singing group and Camp Pendelton Military Chorus have been duly charmed, and hundreds more eagerly wait, Taylor said.

In more precise terms, Taylor assists technical workers and controls the crowd.

"The crowd has never gotten out of control yet," Taylor said. "But that might be just because I'm here."

Despite the valuable services Taylor renders, he insists the events are overstaffed.

"My position is a glorified way of sitting around," he said.

Glory might not be a part of Olympic volunteer service.

But it's certain the Games would not run as smoothly without workers like Vernetti, Parson and Taylor.

'Rings' lords over Oscars

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The fantasy epic "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" led the Academy Award field Tuesday with 13 nominations — best picture, director and supporting actor among them.

Other best-picture nominees were "A Beautiful Mind," a dramatization of math genius John Nash's struggle with schizophrenia; the class-war satire and murder mystery "Gosford Park"; "In the Bedroom," a low-budget tale of family tragedy; and "Moulin Rouge," a tragicomic musical set in 1899 Paris.

"A Beautiful Mind" and "Moulin Rouge" were tied for second place with eight nominations each, including acting nominations for "Moulin Rouge's" Nicole Kidman and "A Beautiful Mind's" Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly.

The film with the most nominations often wins best picture come Oscar night. Many of the nominations for "Lord of the Rings" were for technical achievements such as visual effects, sound, costume design and editing. A sprawling fantasy adventure has never won top Oscar honors, so "Lord of the Rings" could come away with the most trophies while missing out on best picture.

The best-actor nomination for Crowe was his third in a row and sets him up for potential back-to-back Oscars following his victory last year for "Gladiator." Also nominated in the category were Sean Penn as a retarded father seeking custody of his daughter in "I Am Sam"; Will Smith as boxer Muhammad Ali in "Ali"; Denzel Washington as a rakish bad cop in "Training Day"; and Tom Wilkinson as a vigilante father in "In the Bedroom."

With Smith and Washington's nominations, and Halle Berry being named a best-actress nominee as an executed killer's widow for "Monster's Ball," it was the first time three black actors competed in the lead categories since 1972, when Paul Winfield and Cicely Tyson for "Sounder" and Diana Ross for "Lady Sings the Blues" were in the running.

Along with Kidman and Berry, best actress nominees were Judi Dench as British writer Iris Murdoch for "Iris"; Sissy Spacek as a grieving mother in "In the Bedroom"; and Renee Zellweger as a Londoner haplessly seeking romance in "Bridget Jones's Diary."

"Moulin Rouge" was the first live-action musical to land a best-picture nomination since "All That Jazz" in 1979.

Gene Hackman, a Golden Globe winner for "The Royal Tenenbaums," missed out on an nomination. "Moulin Rouge" director Baz Luhrmann also was snubbed in the Oscar bids, although he received a nomination from the Directors Guild of America. And Billy Bob Thornton, a double Golden Globe nominee for "The Man Who Wasn't There" and "Bandits" and who also received praise for "Monster's Ball," got no nominations.

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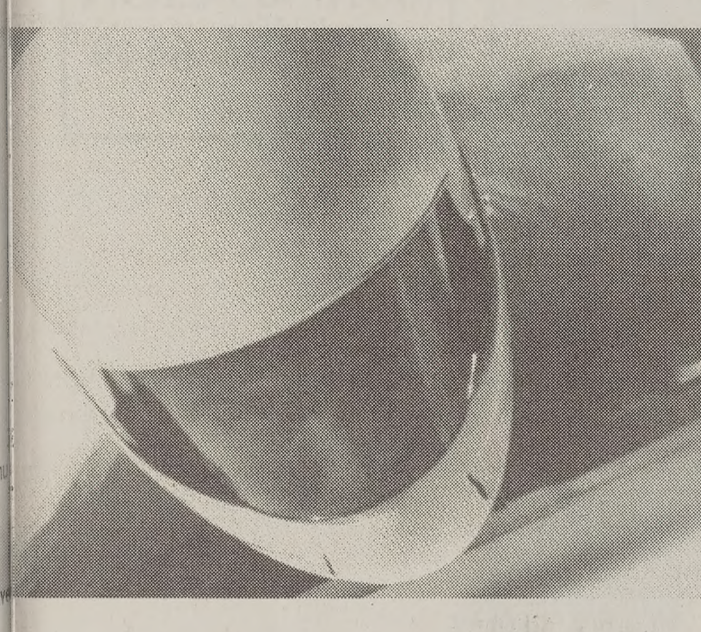
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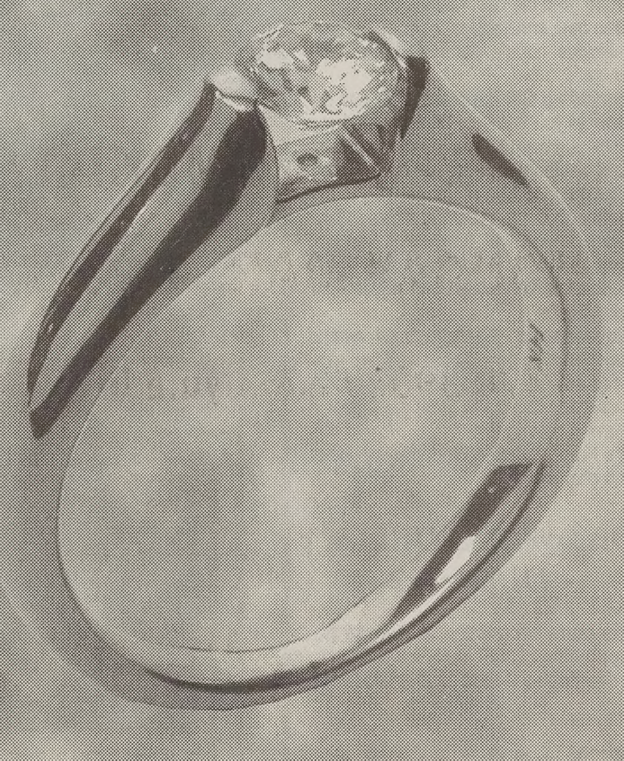
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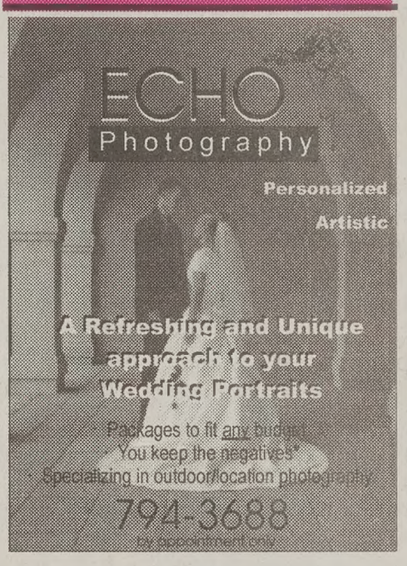

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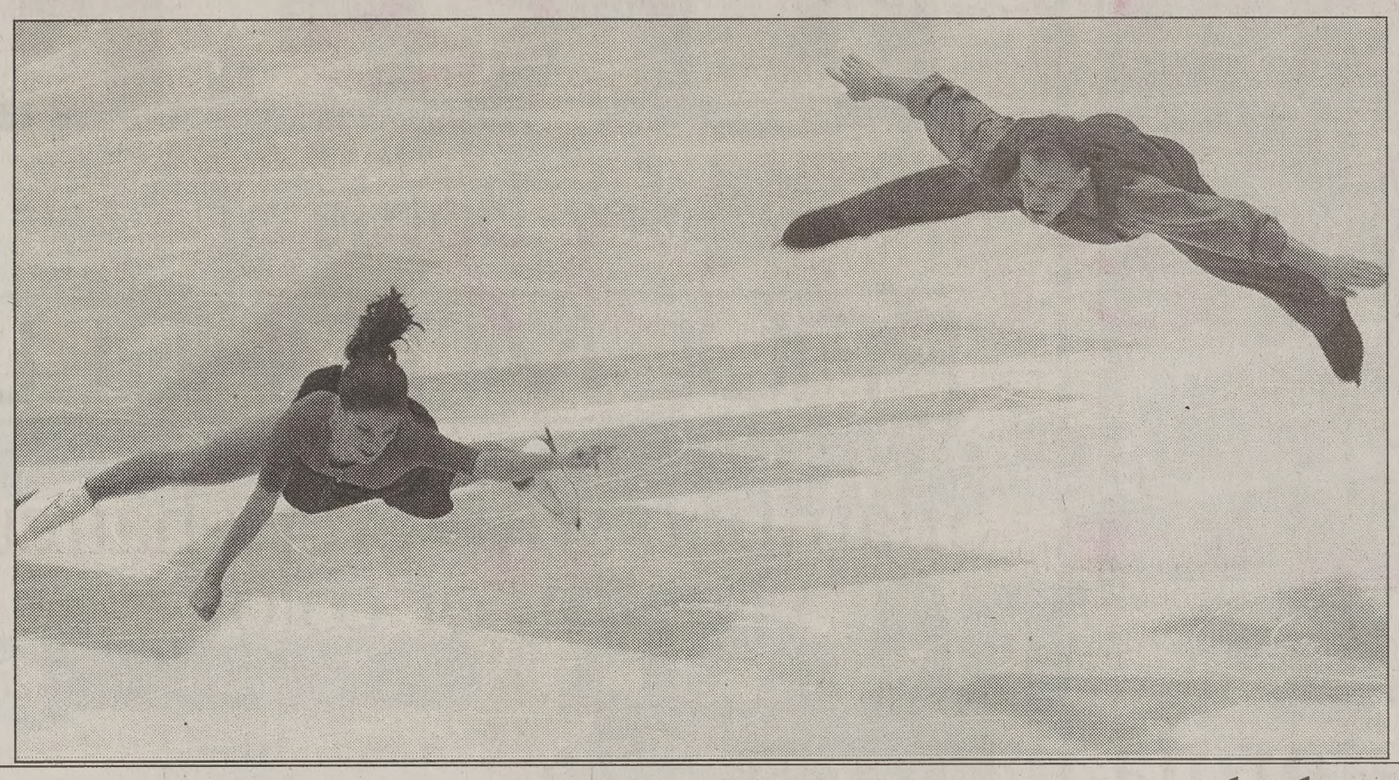

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Canada's Olympic delegation called for an investigation into the judging that gave the Russians the pairs gold medal over the Canadian team. Others in the sport say this could be the first sign that figure skating is due for some drastic changes.

The International Skating Union, which oversees the sport, said Tuesday it will conduct an "internal assessment" of the narrow loss by world champions Jamie Sale and David Pelletier to Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze on Monday night.

It was not immediately clear if the ISU's action would satisfy the Canadians.

Meanwhile, the Chinese judge who favored the Russians in a tiebreaker, withdrew from judging the men's short program Tuesday night "due to illness," according to an advisory on the Olympic information network.

"The ISU takes responsibility for the judges," said Sally Rehorick, Canada's chief of mission, a former skater and a judge for 25 years. "There should be pressure applied to investigate the results of this particular event. We will request an investigation. I do feel the credibility of our sport could be negatively affected by this decision."

That decision gave the Russians gold by the slimmest of margins.

"It was like somebody punched me in the stomach," Pelletier told NBC's "Today" show Tuesday. "But at the same time, we can sit here and talk about it for weeks, but it's not going to change the results."

ISU secretary general Fredi Schmid said that the outcry following the judging prompted the organization to undertake "an internal assessment to monitor if the ISU rules and procedures have been respected."

There was no easy way to explain how they could have looked so magical, yet come away with silver.

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Sports Writer

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But BYUSA and the Athletic Department have not yet been able to accommodate the group due to policies regarding chartering a club of its nature.

"They really don't sponsor competitive athletic clubs," Young said. "BYUSA was very helpful and open. They just couldn't sponsor us due to liability and insurance concerns."

BYU Cycling was in a similar position in 1999. The team spent two and a half years working with the university to find a home. In January it was made a part of the Physical Education Department.

The crew group has similar goals.

"Our hope is to get the students organized so that the university might take us seriously," Young said. "It might ease some of their concerns if we show it can enrich students' lives and build lasting friendships."

The crew group contacted Salt Lake Sculling, a rowing club located at the Great Salt Lake.

Photo courtesy of Shawn Young

Eliza Broberg, Phil Arias, Shawn Young and Brad Houston practice rowing on the Great Salt Lake in the fall of 2001.

The team donated an eight-man scull for the group to train with.

Salt Lake Sculling then put them in contact with BYU alumnus Brad Houston and Cynthia Doxey, assistant professor of church history. Both Houston and Doxey rowed for Cambridge, a university renowned for its crew prowess.

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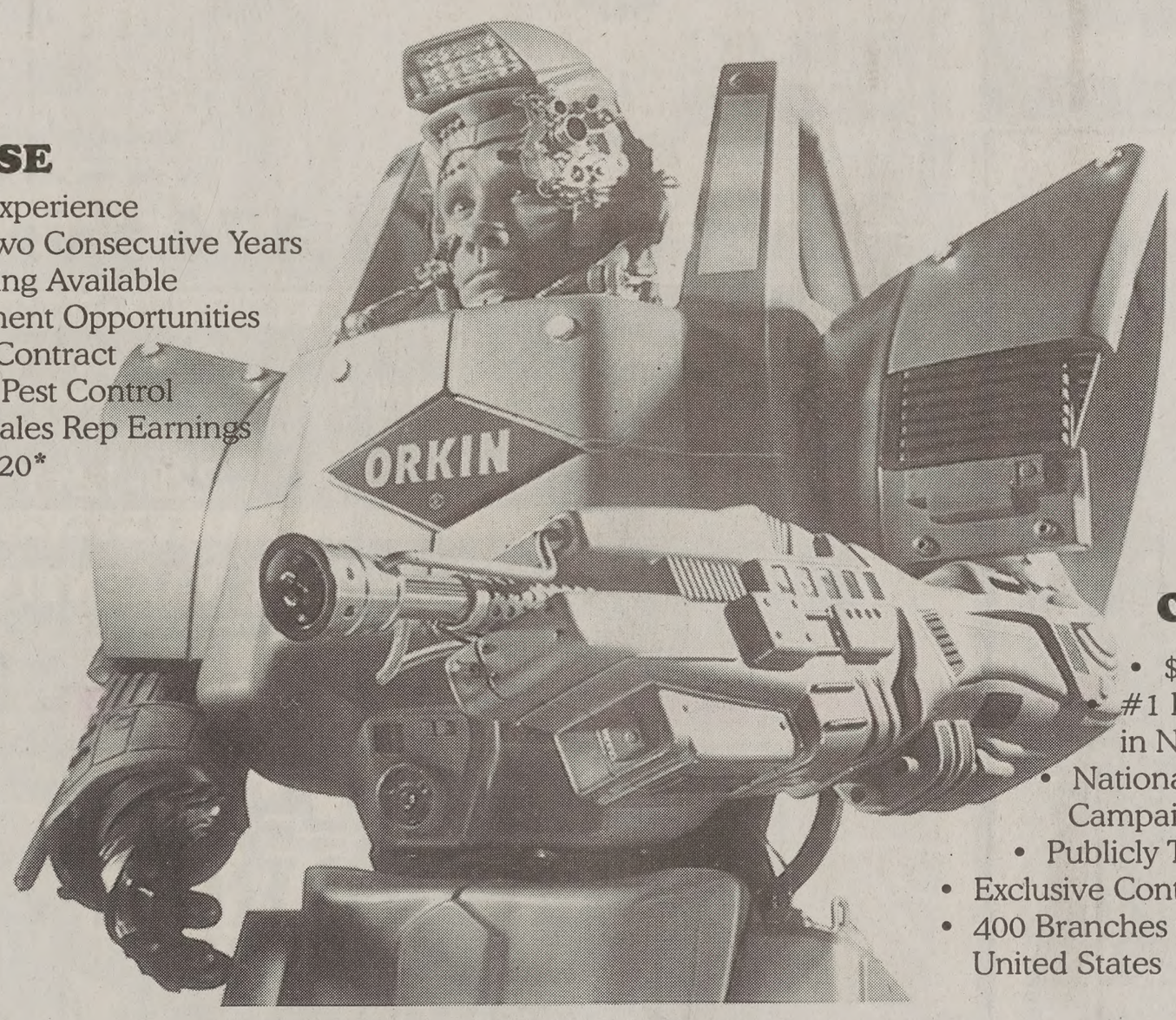

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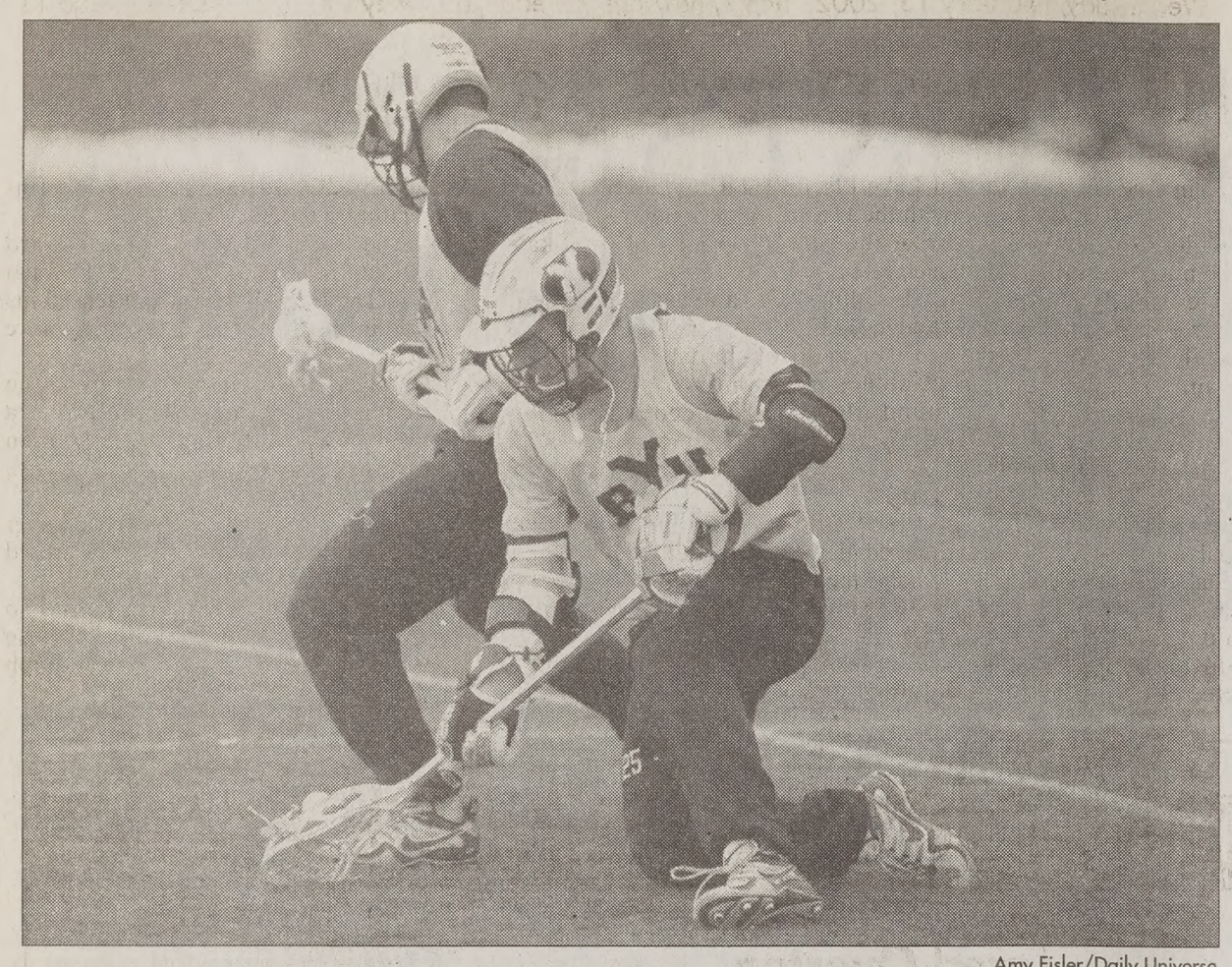

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BYU men's lacrosse players train during practice Tuesday at Haw's Field. The Lacrosse team will head to California this weekend for a four game road trip against top competition.

Lacrosse heads to California

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The No. 1 men's lacrosse team (2-0) will take a break from the cold and the Olympic crowds as it heads to sunnier weather in California this weekend.

The Cougars recently returned from their first regular season games against No. 22 Florida and Florida State, and they are ready for their next challenge.

The Cougars will play No. 11 Berkeley, No. 7 UC-Santa Barbara, UCLA and NCAA division III team Whittier College beginning Saturday.

"We did really well for the first games of the season, but we still have some kinks to work out," sophomore midfielder Jordan Peel said. "Everyone feels that we can beat any team just as long as we play like we know how and we can execute."

The Cougars have not had a win at Berkeley since 1998, and the last time the two teams met, Berkeley came out with a 14-10 win.

"They are a fundamentally strong team," coach Jason Lamb said. "They will play your basic good lacrosse."

Undefeated Santa Barbara (3-0) is another team the Cougars will face. With a style similar to the Golden Bears, the Gauchos want revenge for their loss to the Cougars last season. Lamb said the team is well coached and has a large amount of enthusiasm.

"There will be no lack of motivation," he said. "They will gear us up to give us a run for their money."

UCLA is not ranked but will test the Cougars' patience and maturity.

Lamb said the Bruins' style of lacrosse is unique to the game. He said the Cougars expect the team will play a methodical offense — an offense that is known for controlling the ball for most of the game.

During their loss to the higher ranked Golden Bears, the Bruins were able to keep the score down which is unheard of, Lamb said.

"We played a really smart game," said UCLA head coach Mike Allan. "We were just able to take opportunities that Berkeley gave us and were patient on both sides of the field."

The Cougars' disadvantage going into the game is that the UCLA team is stacked with upperclassmen, while BYU is a team with a younger membership.

The Cougars' last opponent will be No. 19 Whittier College who the Cougars have never beaten. Being a NCAA division III team gives Whittier an advantage over the Cougars, because they have a bigger coaching staff.

"They are going to have some things we don't have," Lamb said. "Ultimately, when the whistle blows, it's 10 on 10 and now it's equal again. I think if we play in that frame of mind, we will be fine and it comes down to will of match up. Our talent and intensity will match up with them."

Even with a No. 1 ranking attached to their name, the Cougars know they will need to step up if they expect to play well against each of the teams.

Two anchors carrying the defense are co-captains senior Aaron Quiggle and junior Jimmy Young who received the game ball in the game against Florida State.

"I have more confidence in our defense right now than probably anything else in the field," Lamb said. "We have a game plan in the defense. We've been coaching it for months now and we haven't deviated from it."

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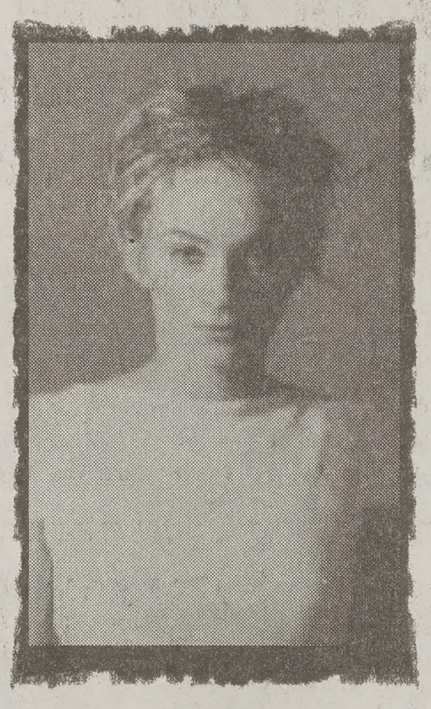

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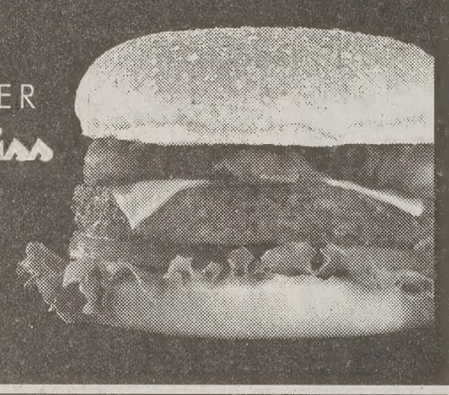

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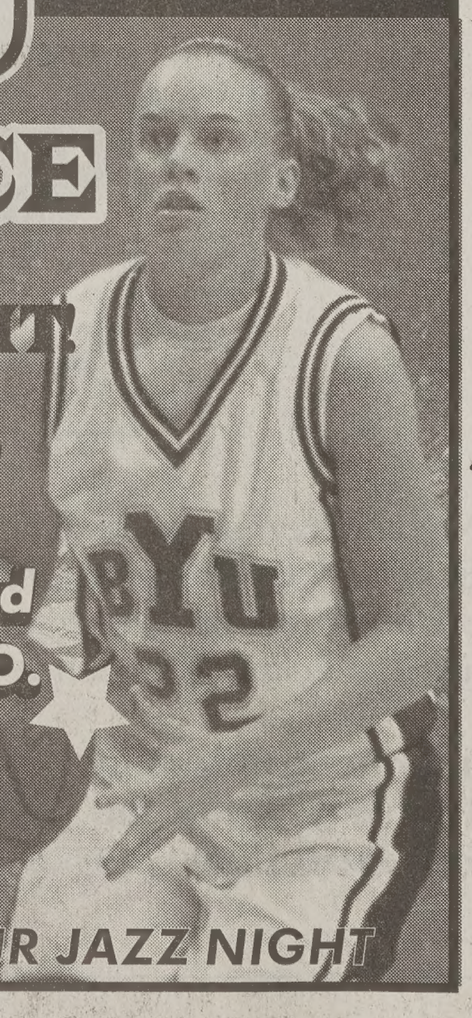

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mericans win gold, bronze in speedskating race

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NS, Salt Lake County — Ameri- ey FitzRandolph, shaking off the ntment of Nagano, won the 500 uesday in a stirring speedskating ith defending Olympic gold t Hiroyasu Shimizu.

andolph gave the United States speedskating victory of the Salt ty Games, and it came with an ted bonus — unheralded team- p Carpenter took the bronze.

Americans have three medals the first three events at the Utah Oval, putting the home team in t position to reach its goal of 10 overall, including the short-track tion.

The U.S. speedskating squad, which has never won more than eight medals at an Olympics, leads the medal table over traditional powers such as the Netherlands and Germany, which have two apiece.

FitzRandolph edged the Japanese star by a mere 0.03 seconds — about the length of a skate. The blonde-haired, blue-eyed Wisconsin native threw up his arms when he saw the final standings, breaking out in a smile that appeared more relief than jubilation.

"Almost confusion," FitzRandolph said, describing his emotions. "It's just hard to believe. I started speedskating in 1980 when Eric Heiden ... won his gold medals. I told a TV station, I think that year, that I wanted to do what Eric Heiden did. I wanted to win at least one gold medal."

In 1998, FitzRandolph's medal hopes were dashed by the introduction of the clapskate. He struggled to adjust to the equipment, settling for a sixth-place.

Shimizu, meanwhile, electrified his home nation by winning Japan's first speedskating gold.

"I thought it might happen in Nagano," FitzRandolph said. "Then the clapskate came out and really threw me for a loop. Now here I am, finally, 2002, I win my gold medal. It's going to take some sitting down, taking deep breaths, to really realize what happened."

The 27-year-old FitzRandolph won the first American gold in the men's 500 since Heiden captured five gold medals at Lake Placid. Heiden, who now works with the U.S. team, watched his protegee bring the title of world's fastest skater back home.

"It's almost like a reward for myself," Heiden said.

FitzRandolph had a 0.19-second advantage over Shimizu after the first round Monday. He needed the entire cushion to hold off the world-record holder, who had the second-best time of Day 2.

FitzRandolph bobbled a bit as he entered the final corner, his left hand grazing the ice. Still, he crossed the line in 34.81 for a two-day total of 1 minute, 9.23 seconds.

Carpenter, paired with FitzRandolph in the final group of the day, actually beat his fellow American in 34.79 but finished third overall at 1:09.47.

Carpenter edged Dutchman Gerard van Velde by 0.02 seconds for the final medal. The fourth-place skater tossed his gloves in disgust when the results were posted.

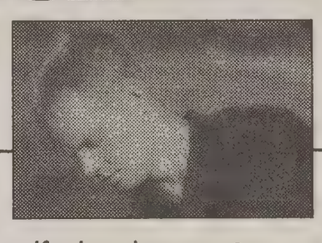
FitzRandolph was all smiles as he skated a victory lap, tugging along a flapping American flag. He was then joined by Carpenter, another Wisconsin native.

"We Are The Champions," blared over the loudspeaker while the sellout crowd of 5,200 chanted 'U-S-A! U-S-A!"

"To do it here in America before so many friends and family, and in these times, makes it perfect," FitzRandolph said.

BYU Athletic Spotlight of the Week

Jared Overton



Junior Golfer

Junior Jared Overton, from Provo, began playing golf when he was 8-years-old. Since then he has devoted much of his life to practicing it, sometimes up to 15 hours a day.

His young accomplishments included placing second in the US National American Jr. Golf Association Tournament, which qualified him to play in the Rolex National and US Jr. Amateur tournaments.

After graduating from Timpview High School, Overton was recruited by universities such as Arizona, Princeton and Colorado, but he chose BYU to follow in his siblings footsteps. He was also excited to play for the nationally ranked BYU golf team in front of a hometown crowd.

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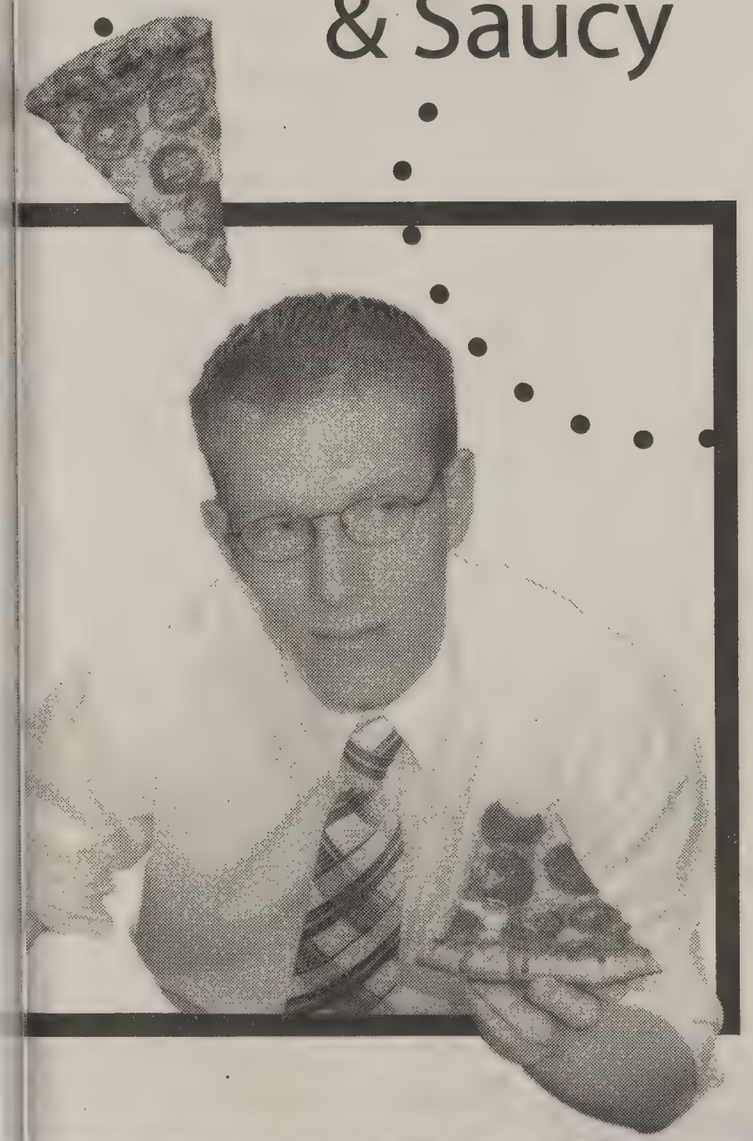

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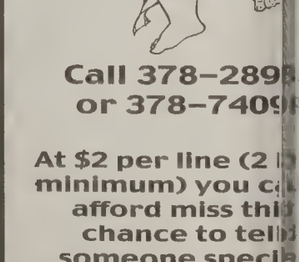

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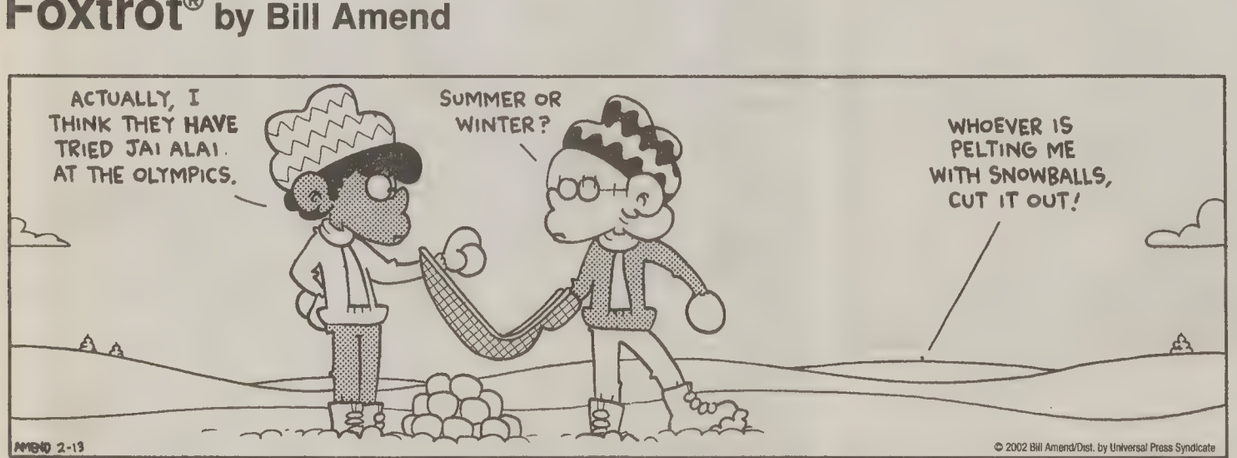
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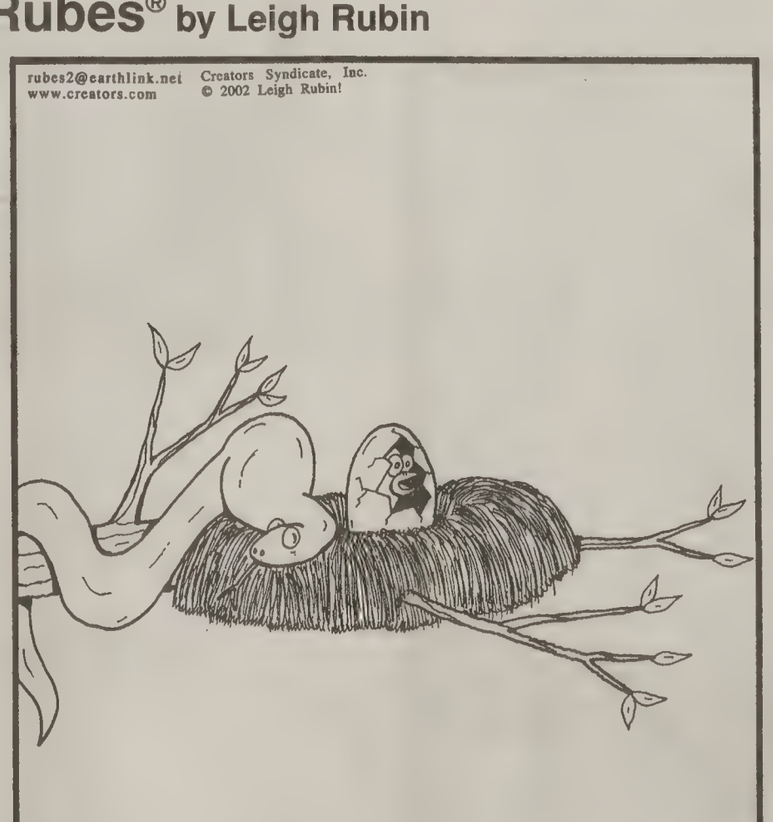

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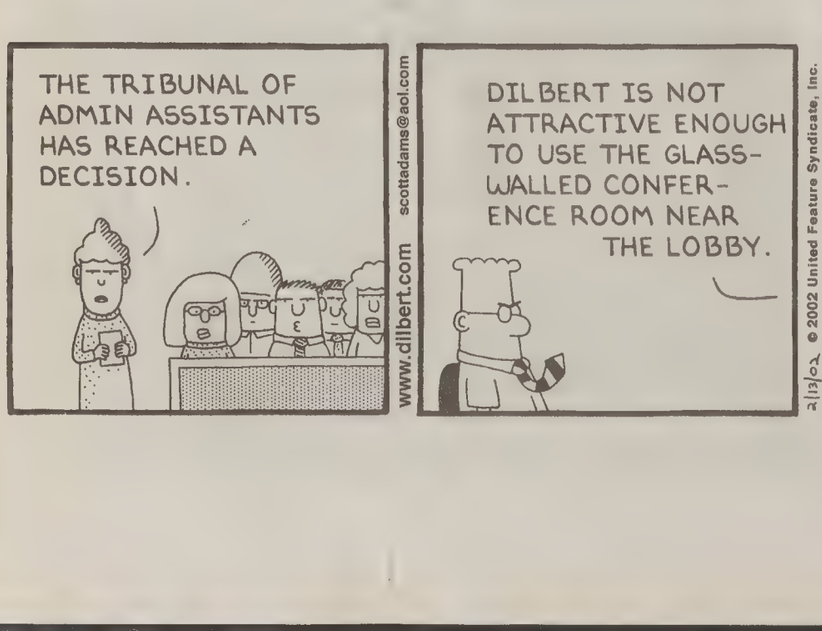
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Little change among prices of roses

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This Valentine's Day students may find minimal price differences for a dozen red roses among Provo florists.

"We charge $60 for a dozen wrapped, long-stem, red roses," said Melanie Gibson, manager of Provo Floral and Greenhouse. "If you would like them in a vase it will cost you $67."

Those prices seem to be the average in the Provo floral market.

Awesome Blossoms charges $58.95 for a dozen red roses wrapped and $66.95 for them in a vase, said Amada Otis, Floral-designer for Awesome Blossoms.

Four Seasons Flowers rose prices are slightly lower than the other florists.

"We charge $48.99 for a dozen wrapped red roses," said Marilyn Gentry, owner of Four Seasons Flowers. "A dozen red roses in a vase costs $58.99."

"Our roses are the same quality of other florists, they just cost less," Gentry said.

And at BYU, prices are about the same for roses as other Provo florists.

Campus Craft and Floral charges $59.99 for a dozen wrapped red roses and $74.99 for them in a vase, said Kara Knudtson, cashier at Campus Craft and Floral.

Because rose prices are similar, some students base their decision on the quality of roses.

"High quality roses have large heads and the outer rose petals do not have dark spots and are not wrinkly," Gibson said.

One misconception about roses is that if the rose is opened it's a bad rose, Otis said.

"Even if they are open, if they are hard and firm to the touch they're going to be good, long-lasting roses," Otis said.

Loni Ure, manager of Bloomer's Floral and Gifts, said she agrees.

"A high petal count can cause a rose to look more open," Ure said. "But that doesn't necessarily mean that the rose is old or that it won't last."

The color of a rose is not a reflection of its quality, but rather its breed, Otis said.

"Watch out for rose-head bases that are hard as a rock," Ure said. "This can mean that the rose will never bloom."

Florists also caution consumers against other rose flaws.

"Mildew on any part of the rose is not good," Ure said. "Wilted leaves are not the greatest either," she said.

Many florists say they will be able to fill rose orders even up to Valentine's Day, but the selection and quality of roses may diminish as Valentine's Day approaches.

"You are guaranteed really good-roses if you order a week ahead," Ure said.

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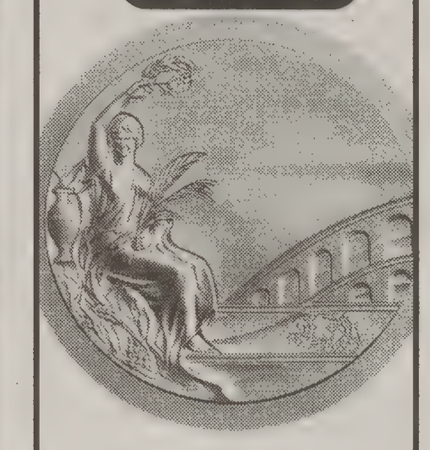

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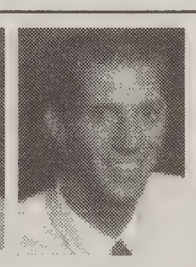

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10 Under the weather
14 Uniform hue
15 K-6: Abbr.
16 Topology figures
17 Support person
18 Colorful mount.
19 Mil. truant
20 Common darning spot
21 Hide boredom, in a way
24 Part of a boilermaker
25 Lays out
26 Sot's state
29 Used a peephole
31 Hunt like a cave man
33 Interview bit: Abbr.
36 Down ___ (Maine)
37 Small island
38 "Phooey!"
39 Child advocacy org.
40 Make peace
44 Anouk of film
45 Gad about
46 Wellesley grad
49 Years and years
50 They're hidden in 21-, 31- and 40-Across
53 "Vamoose!"
56 Like many fans
57 Seine sights
58 Roomy cut
60 Winks
61 Aloha State bird
62 Some six-shooters
63 Q.E.D. part
64 Breyers rival
65 Praise

DOWN
1 Three-player game
2 Home to Columbus
3 Falter at the finish
4 Likable prez
5 Blue Angels display
6 Reason for a raise
7 Former Swedish P.M. Palme
8 "Hud" star
9 Knock-on-the-noggin consequence
10 Didn't fold
11 Hawkeye
12 Three, they say
13 Hops driers
22 ___ Bora (Afghan region)
23 Mimic
24 "X" may mark it
26 Put one's foot down
27 "How about ___?"
28 Celestial bear
29 Title holder?
30 Anti-fur org.
32 Solomonic
33 Kaffiyeh wearer
34 One of the major leagues: Abbr.
35 Lid swelling
38 F.D.R. and L.B.J., e.g.
40 ___ Fein
41 "Think of it!"
42 Meadowlands pace
43 Turn upside-down
44 In the thick of
46 Bring down
47 Onions partner
48 City near Syracuse
49 Slalom paths
51 Said "no contest," e.g.
52 Counting-out bit
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55 Tracy's Trueheart
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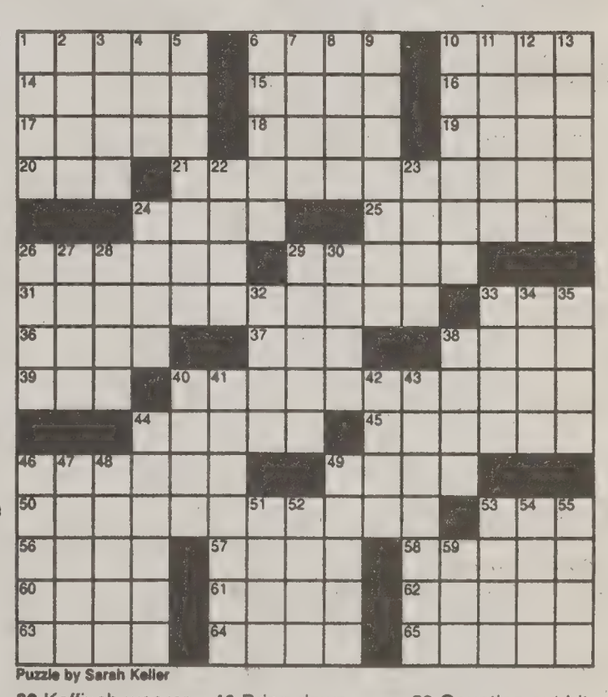

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Students to scale Mt. Nebo on Saturday

Photo courtesy of Outdoors Unlimited

Climbers follow the leader as they ascend Mount Nebo.

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Most people would rather be on a date on Valentine's Day instead of attending a mandatory meeting for the Feb. 16 Mt. Nebo climb.

That is why Brooke Everett, account executive for student auxiliary services creative marketing, changed the meeting to 8:30 tonight at Outdoors Unlimited.

At 11,877 feet, Mt. Nebo reaches above all other peaks of the Wasatch Mountains — the hike will prove to be quite challenging.

"A lot of people go because they want the challenge," said Gardner Kearsley, coordinator of Outdoors Unlimited.

"They've never had the experience before."

Everett said two of her close friends have hiked Mt. Nebo with Outdoors Unlimited.

"They were really worn out," Everett said. "But they felt they accomplished a lot in the end."

One of her friends is Kim Barlow, who graduated from BYU in April 2000 in community health education.

Barlow said her Mt. Nebo experience was a positive one.

"The guys (Outdoors Unlimited) were really good," she said. "They made it easy to learn and follow, and we each had a turn to lead."

Dave White, hike coordinator, will be in charge of the hike Saturday.

He said everyone can finish the hike successfully with the help of skilled instructors.

Valentine love in a can

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Those tired of giving their special someone the usual candy, flowers or jewelry for Valentine's Day can now give them a can.

The Food Science Club is selling canned valentines as a creative alternative to more traditional gift-giving methods, said Brandon Burrows, president of the Food Science Club.

Burrows, 25, a graduate student in food sciences from Springville, said one student even used the cans to propose to his girlfriend.

"He sealed the ring inside a can, then put it in a larger can with a teddy bear holding a sign saying 'I hope you like carats,'" Burrows said. "It was pretty creative."

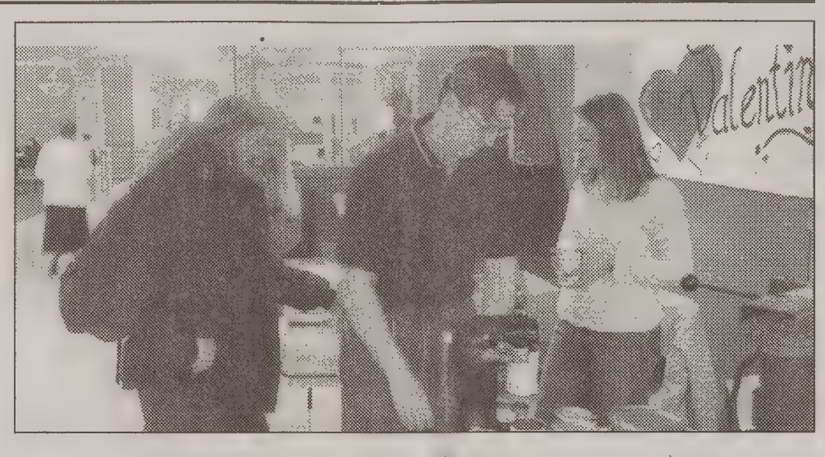
Students provide the content of the can, and club members seal it for them. The cans range in price from $1 to $3 and in volume from two to twelve cups.

Other unusual items that students have wanted to can include a cut-up credit card and a kitten, Burrows said. Burrows noted that the club is unable to can living or perishable things.

This is the second year in a row that the Food Science Club has sold canned Valentines. More than 500 cans were sold last year, and sales numbers have been similar so far this year.

Club members said there are several reasons for the fundraiser's popularity.

"It's a creative gift, and it's pretty cheap," said Kristalyn Barker, 21, a senior from Littleton, Colo., majoring in food science.



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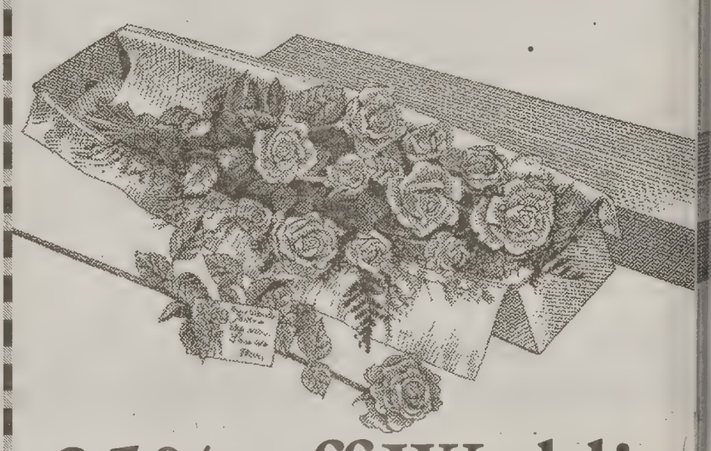

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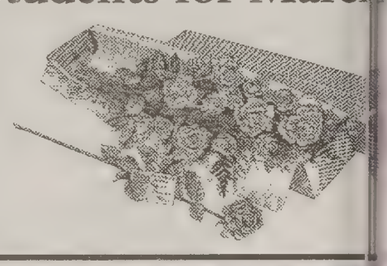

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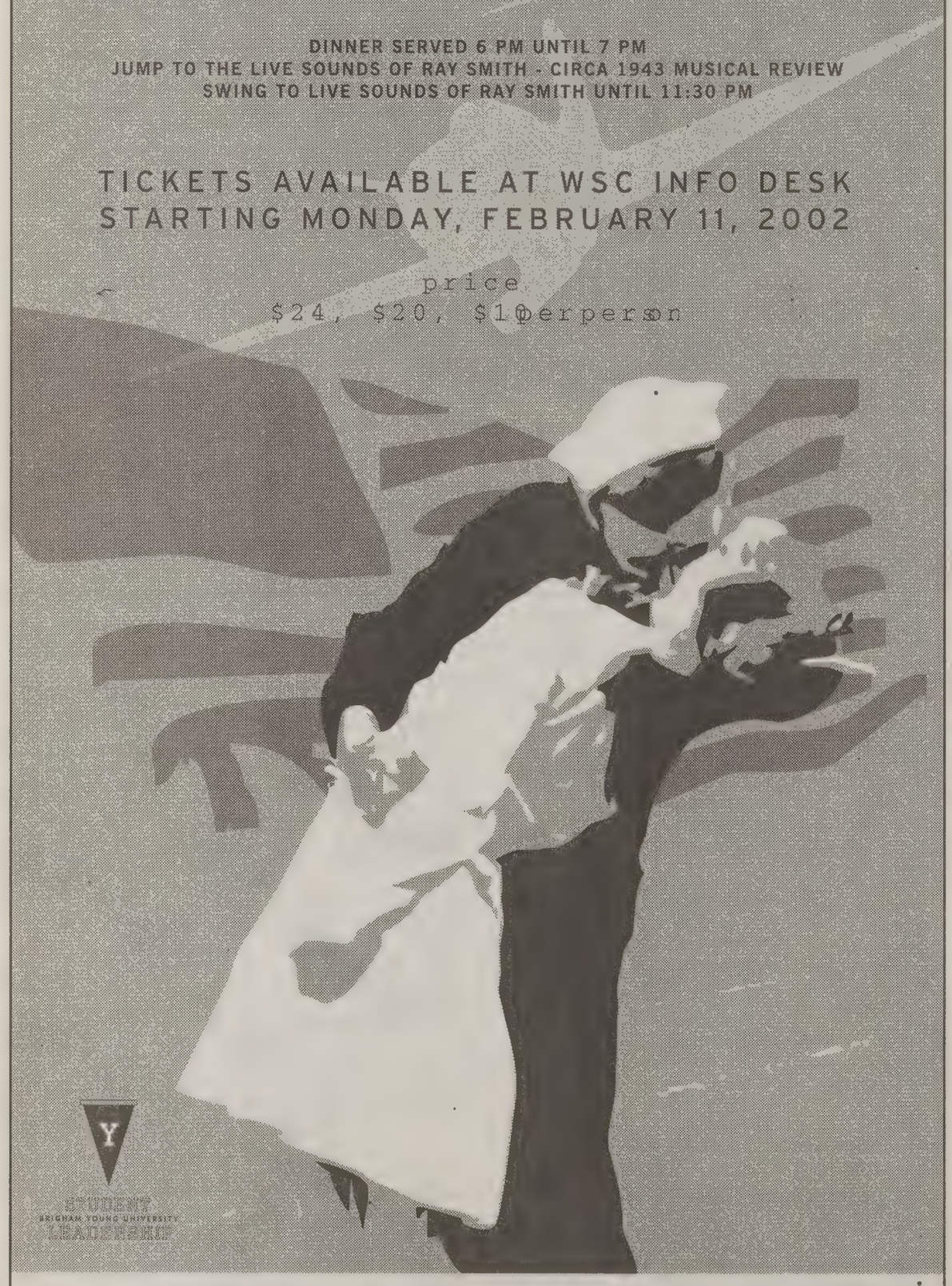

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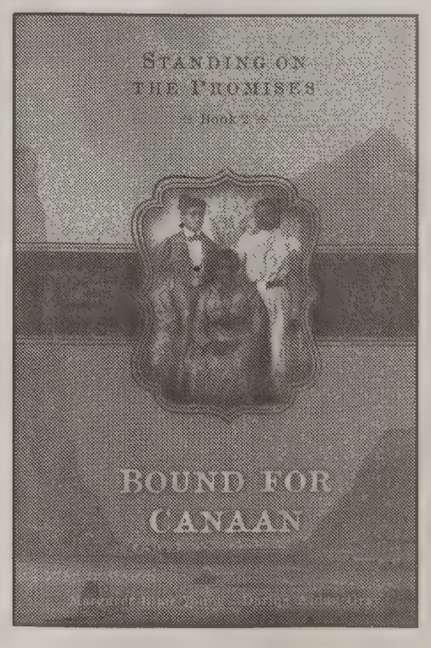

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Experts advise wedding goers, engaged couples of proper etiquet

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The Wedding Day – a day with more rules then any other day.

There are rules for before, during and after the big day, and even rules for guests.

Julie Rafiner, manager for the Bridal Center in Lehi, said "The most important thing brides need to remember is to shop for their dress with their mother," Rafiner said.

Mothers know their daughters and can help them pick out the perfect dress.

The mothers are most often paying for the dress and it is courteous to let them help, Rafiner said.

However, Rafiner said brides should keep their wedding dress a secret from their fiancée.

Rafiner said it's a tradition that keeps the magical effect of the day.

"When the groom sees the bride in her dress before the big day and she is in her black socks and her hair is in a ponytail, it takes away all the magic," Rafiner said.

Rafiner said that it is important to keep wedding traditions on the big day because those traditions are what make the wedding worth doing.

Peggy Post, director of the Emily Post Institute, offers valuable advice for before the wedding in her book, *Emily Post's Wedding Etiquette.*

Post said it's OK to ask for money and tell where the couple is registered, but advised against putting it in the invitation.

It is only appropriate to do this by word of mouth, according to Post.

There are not only rules for the bride and groom, but also etiquette rules for guests.

Post said guests should not "monopolize the bride and groom's time in the receiving line."

And the rules don't stop after the wedding is over.

According to The Wedding Magazine's, "da Wedding Guy," brides traditionally had three months to get Thank You notes out, but because we are living in a world with quicker response times he recommends four to six weeks.

Post said if a guest ha received a Thank You note months after the wedding appropriate to call and find the gift was received or not.

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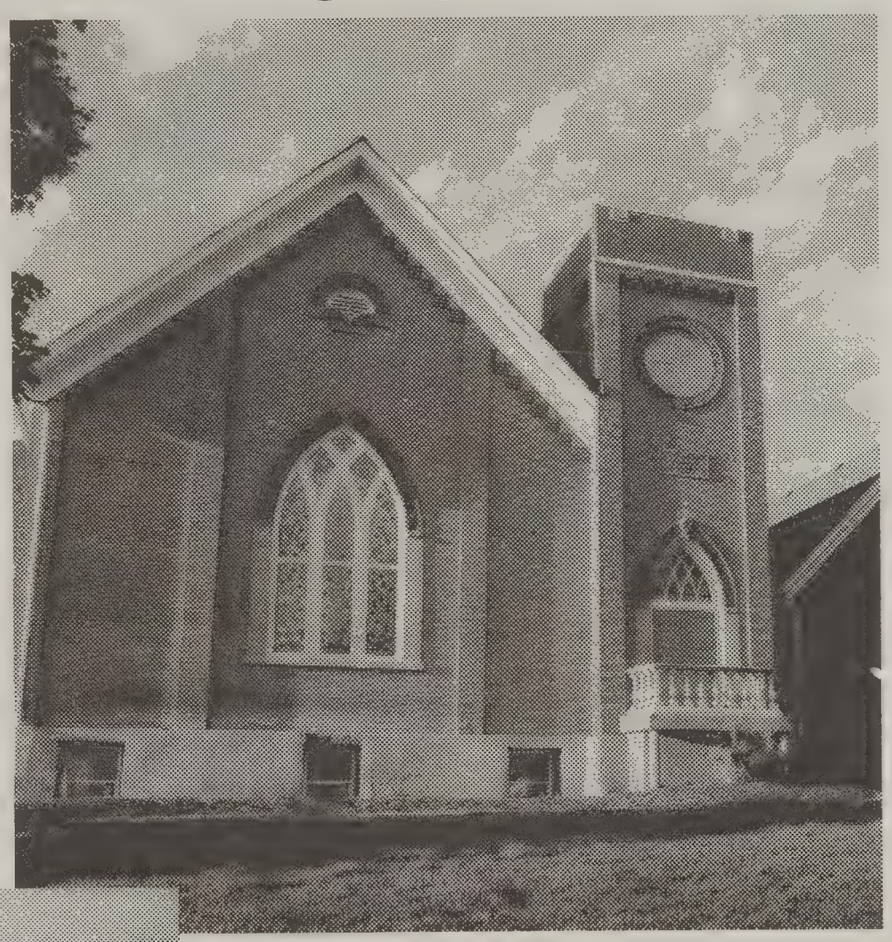

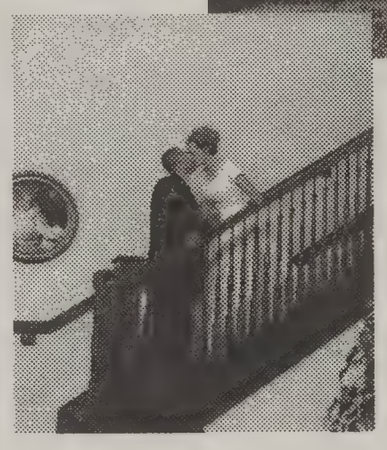

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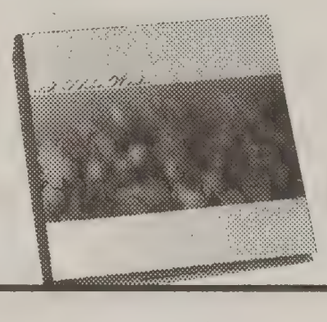

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Cake experts advice on style, history flavor of wedding cake

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Round or square, butter cream or fondant, chocolate or white, $130 to $3,500, spice to Italian cream – wedding cakes –almost anything goes.

According to Martha Stewart, "A wedding cake symbolizes the abundance of blessings to come in your marriage."

A snow-white cake is traditional. " But we have been doing a lot more chocolate cakes lately," said Stacy Livin, the assistant manager at Shepherd's Cake and Candy Supplies.

The latest trend in wedding cakes is simple, said Annie Shepherd, wedding cake decorator at Shepherd's.

"Brides are mainly wanting to decorate their cakes with fresh flowers," Shepherd said.

Sugared fruit has also been a popular cake-decorating tool for fall weddings, Livin said.

There are two main types of frosting- butter cream and fondant, she said.

Most brides prefer butter cream for taste, but fondant for looks, Shepherd said.

Butter cream is made with shortening and powdered sugar, while fondant is made with glucose and powdered sugar, Livin said.

Fondant is a little bit more expensive because of the time involved, Livin said.

"It has to be rolled out and then put on the cake," she said.

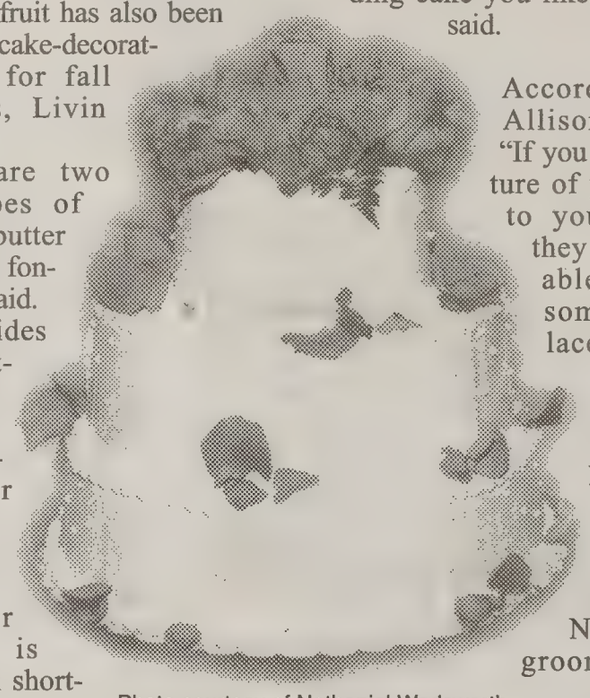
A different cake flavor for each layer of the cake is becoming more popular, Livin said.

"There are many cake flavors to choose from including; vanilla, chocolate, spice, lemon, poppy seed, carrot nut, banana nut, cherry nut, cherry, and strawberry," Livin said.

"Wedding cake prices vary greatly," Shepherd said. "Anywhere from $130 to $3,500."

But the average costs of wedding cakes are between $250 and $400, she said.

Before going to the baker, look through magazines and books to get a picture of what style of wedding cake you like, Shepherd said.



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According to Allison Rushby, "If you take a picture of your dress to your bakery they should be able to copy some of the lace, beading or other decorations from your dress onto you wedding cake."

Now for the groom's cake, "most people in Utah don't have them," Shepherd said.

In ancient times, it was believed that if a single woman put a piece of the groom's cake under her pillow, she would dream that night of the man she would marry.

"The groom's cake usually mirrors the bride's cake," Livin said.

Martha Stewart said to order your cake four to six months in advance.

But Shepherd said, "At least a month in advance."

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County addresses legal side of marriage license, information

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6. The birth places of fathers and mothers.
7. The race of each applicant.
8. One form of ID, such as a driver's license, birth certificate or passport is required.

Utah County marriage license applicants must appear together at the time they request a marriage license. The fee is $50 cash.

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Registries help couples prepare for future

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Gift registry is often a fun and relaxing way to let guests know what is needed, and also to spend time with a soon-to-be spouse.

If not done properly however, completing a registry list can be one more thing to pin up on the disaster board.

According to Linens 'n Things Housewares Specialist Susie Webster, couples should be relaxed and have a good time while registering.

Most major department stores, such as Target, Linens 'n Things, and Bed Bath & Beyond do not require appointments for gift registry.

However, other department stores, such as Dillard's and Meier & Frank, request that appointments be made before you come to complete your registry.

Dillard's Bridal Consultant Veronica Carlson said, "We recommend (couples) make an appointment–that way we have some time set aside specifically for you."

She said couples should register early to help insure they receive the things that they need.

"The longer you wait the more likely those items are not to be bought," Carlson said.

Before a couple can begin the actual registry, preliminary registration information is required.

This includes the names and addresses of the bride and groom, and a mailing address.

Bed Bath & Beyond Gift Registry Specialist Kendra Dallon suggested couples fill out preliminary packets beforehand.

"A couple can pick up a packet and fill in all that information and then give it to an employee who can put it into the computer," Dallon said.

After preliminary registration is completed, couples receive a scan gun and are let loose to scan items throughout the store.

Target Cashier Team Leader Lorraine Mitchell said there is no limit to how many items a couple may register for.

"We've seen some registries only three pages and others have been 20 pages," Mitchell said

Webster advises couples not to be shy about registering for expensive items.

"Get the more expensive things. There are people who will want to spend more money or will want to buy group gifts," Webster said.

After the registry is complete couples should receive a printed version of their scanned items.

Most nationally chained stores carry similar policies.

Some of these policies include free gift wrap for registry items and incentives for the bride and groom to buy items not received.

To help ensure the couple does not receive duplicate gifts from any same store, many national stores automatically delete items bought from the registry when the item is purchased at cash registers, or signify items received.

Many stores will keep registries on file up to one year after the wedding date.

Online tips

To help make gift registry a little easier for soon-to-be-wed couples, many national store chains now offer an online version of gift registry.

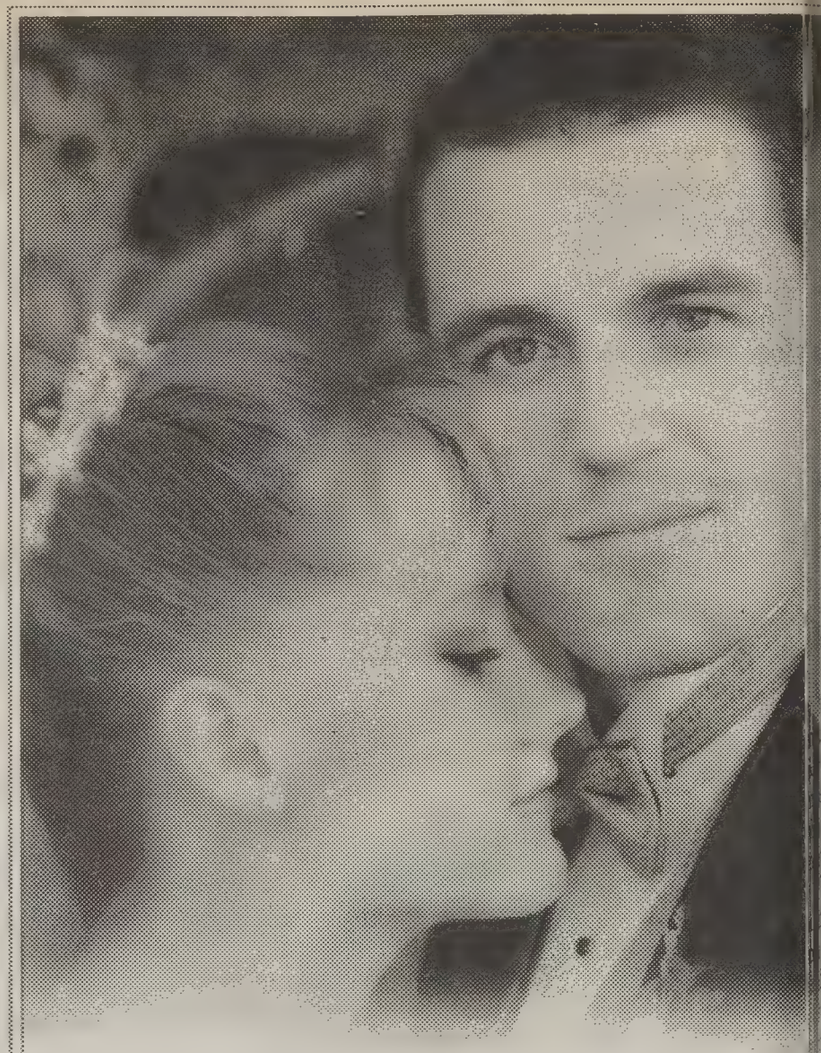
"Couples could actually do the whole registry without coming in to the store," said Kendra Dallon, gift registry specialist for Bed Bath & Beyond.

Although the selection may vary on the Internet, variations among national stores should be expected, Dallon said.

A guest need only know the bride or groom's name and the wedding date, in order to access the registry list.

"If someone out of state wanted to buy a present for you, all they have to do is look you up and they can ship you a present hassle free," said Susie Webster, Linens 'n Things housewares specialist.

Dillard's offers free Internet space for the bride and groom to not only download their gift registry, but to also create their own Web site.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inding photographer helps apture wedding memories

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efore prospective brides make 'snap' decisions regarding ir wedding photographer, there some factors they may want onsider.

irst they need to find their per- lal style.

rom the traditional to the mod- -journalistic, there are a vari- of photo options available for umenting the wedding day.

McKinley Brown, 22, a senior m Salt Lake City, majoring in arriage, family, and human elopment, said she was a little easy with traditional wedding otography, and highly recom- nds the photojournalistic style.

The pictures were more hentic and expressive of what day was really like," Brown d.

addition to finding a photo- phic style they mesh with, it's important to find a photogra- r they click with.

Remember this person is most ely going to be with you all ," said Pepper Nix of Pepper Photography in Provo.

econd, don't skimp.

Weddings can get very expen- e, but photography is not the ce to cut corners.

fter the cake has been eaten, dress has been boxed and the sents have been opened, all t remains are the pictures.

The pictures will be the way remember the event for the of your life," Brown said.

hird, brides-to-be should not afraid to voice their opinion bring examples to photographers.

"Photographers are very visual" Nix said.

She recommends tearing pictures out of magazines to show the photographer the exact look they are going for.

If they've dreamed of classic black and white formal pictures to capture the feel of their posh black tie affair, then they need to clearly communicate that idea.

Remember, they are hiring a photographer, not a mind reader.

If they don't voice their full opinion, they may find themselves very disappointed after the pictures are developed.

Fourth, make a list of must have shots.

If great aunt Eunice is flying in from Switzerland for the wedding, photographers are not going to want to miss a photo-op with her.

The wedding day is not the day to try to balance a mental list of every picture needed.

They may want to consider getting a picture of themselves with each of their bridesmaids, and the groom with each of his groomsmen.

These can be used for great thank you gifts after the wedding.

Lastly, brides need to be themselves.

Don't let pictures become the downer of the wedding day.

Expressions will come across much more real if they aren't forced in an effort to make the perfect pictures — it will just happen.

"This is supposed to be a fun process," Nix said. "So enjoy yourself and relax."

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BYU professors tackle marriage myths

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Some brides and grooms focus on the plastic couple perched atop their wedding cake.

They may forget the fact that the real couple may not be married for long after the last slice of cake has been eaten.

Jeffry H. Larson, Ph.D., professor of marriage and family therapy and author of "Should We Stay Together?", said too many couples rush into marriage, believing it will solve all their personal problems.

Utah ranked 20th in the nation in divorce rate and ninth in the nation in marriage rate in 1998, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"One of the reasons our divorce rate is high is that we have too many couples marrying young," Larson said.

Utah's divorce rate mirrors the national rate; both leveling off over the last 10 years.

The cohabitation rate, however, has increased Larson said.

Studies conducted in the late 1980s did not show a significant difference between LDS and national divorce rates, but studies completed more recently suggest that the LDS rate is lower, according to Tim Heaton, Ph.D., professor of sociology.

"Since the 1980s the rates have been going down, and that is true for LDS people as well as nationally," Heaton said.

One national survey found that if both an LDS husband and wife attend church regularly, the divorce rate is only 60 percent as high as the national rate, he said.

"BYU students are very anxious and nervous about it (marriage), because they know it is forever and so they want to make a good choice," Larson said.

"I think that's a pretty normal attitude or feeling to have. Our eternal marriage philosophy increases the chances that you are going to be careful about who you marry."

Age, education and income level can help determine divorce rate. Higher numbers in each of these areas may increase the chances of a happy marriage, Larson said.

Larson recommended knowing a person at least a year before marrying.

At BYU, many couples know each other only four to six months before becoming engaged.

"There is no way you can get to know a person well enough to marry them in that time," he said.

Several personality traits can serve as warning signs for divorce.

Individuals who are impulsive, depressed or have low self-esteem tend to get divorced more frequently, Larson said.

Poor communication skills are also a main factor leading to divorce.

"People don't know how to communicate and resolve their problems," Larson said. "If they knew how to do that, 75 percent of the problems that come up they could deal with."

Selfishness and pride are other causes of divorce, according to Kathy Anderson. Anderson and her husband taught a marriage preparation class in the BYU 3rd Stake last year.

"A lot of times, divorces are so preventable if both of you are willing to work at it," Anderson said.

Larson described several myths that can cause people to make wrong decisions about who or when to marry.

One myth is that being in love with someone is sufficient reason to marry him or her, Larson said.

Another myth is that marriage is instinctive, and that preparing for marriage comes naturally.

"Unfortunately, they usually just look to parents for examples and sometimes those examples aren't great," Larson said.

Students need to prepare for marriage by reading and by taking a marriage preparation class, Larson said.

"I think the marriage prep class should be mandatory, like the Book of Mormon [class]," he said.

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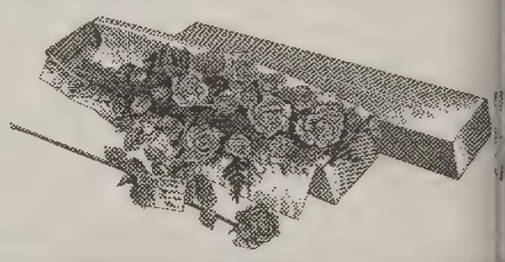

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Tradition origins reveal wedding oddities

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The saying "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" is one of many traditions people include in their weddings without knowing the historical origin.

According to www.weddingtips.com, brides wear something old to show the connection to their family and past.

Lydia Brinton, 22, a senior from Roseville, Calif., majoring in print-making, wore her grandmother's wedding dress.

"I knew I wanted to wear it when I put it on," Brinton said.

For good fortune and success, the bride will wear something new.

Something borrowed is a reminder that friends and family will always be there to help her out.

Something blue is a symbol of faithfulness and loyalty.

Most traditions in the wedding celebration have lost their original meaning and purpose.

In the past, many of the traditions were used for practical reasons.

In today's weddings, bridesmaids and groomsmen are usually best friends or relatives of the couple.

Generally, those chosen to be in the wedding party have played a significant role in the life of the bride or the groom.

In her book, "I do" A Book for Brides, Tracy Guth wrote that there was a time when brides were captured from their families and carried off to the altar.

To ensure the bride's safety, bridesmaids would accompany her to the wedding.

Groomsmen escorted the husband-to-be to the wedding to guard him from potential angry suitors.

Many students include typical wedding traditions, such as the garter and bouquet toss and wearing a veil.

"You want the fairy tale wedding like in the movies and that's always what they do," said Amber Kroft, 23, a senior from Roseville, Calif., majoring in English.

Yet these traditions also have historical beginnings.

Believing that the bride was especially lucky, guests of the wedding would purposely try to rip off pieces of the bride's gown.

In order to protect herself, the bride began tossing the garter, Guth said.

Originally, to give a friend good luck, the bride intentionally tossed the bouquet to her.

Through the years, however, it has come to mean that the friend would be the next to wed, Guth said.

The use of a veil has grown out of the custom of arranged marriages when the bride could not look at the groom until they were married, Guth said.

Although many students include these wedding traditions, others explore or make new ones.

Brinton chose a '50s theme for her reception.

In addition to wearing her grandmother's dress she played '50s music, chose vintage cake toppers and the wedding party dressed in attire reminiscent of the period.

Whether choosing to include common wedding traditions or create new ones, the important thing is the memories that are made.

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Florists give "rosey" ideas

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For some, selecting the right flowers is the most straightforward step in a long list of complicated wedding-planning tasks. Not for Emily Stratford, 28, a resident of San Diego, Calif., who said picking the wrong flowers almost ruined her wedding reception.

Stratford said she decided gardenias would make the perfect focal point in the floral arrangements of her July wedding. Little did she know that gardenias are incapable of withstanding summer heat. By the end of Stratford's reception, the gardenias turned a lovely shade of brown and started to emit a smell that left guests heading for the door.

Kurt Knudsen, a floral designer with In Your Vase Flowers, said there are ways to avoid unfortunate situations like Stratford's.

He said if brides will follow a few simple tips, they can ensure that the most beautiful thing at their weddings, next to them of course, will be their flowers.

Knudsen said the first thing a bride should do is find a florist that matches her personality and style.

"When you talk to a florist, ask to look at pictures of arrangements they've done in the past," Knudsen said. "This way you'll know if they're capable of capturing the look you're going for. The arrangement should reflect your personality."

Knudsen said once a florist is chosen, it's important to be as specific with that person as possible. "Florists want to make you happy, they just need to know what that takes," he said.

Knudsen said that it is a good idea for brides to collect magazine pictures of arrangements they like.

He said this will help the florist get a better idea of what the bride is looking for, if simple words aren't getting the point across.

He also recommends that brides specify their budgets before they start talking ideas with florists.

If brides specify a budget, they won't be disappointed when florists start showing them pieces they can't afford, he said.

Knudsen said it also helps when brides bring fabric samples from their bridesmaid dresses.

"It really makes a difference in the outcome of the arrangements, when I can find flowers that are a perfect fit for a bride's color scheme," Knudsen said.

Although being specific and upfront is important, Knudsen also suggests brides to leave some artistic leeway for the florists.

"I sometimes come across some amazing finds when I go to the wholesale florists, and they're flowers the bride hadn't even thought of using before," Knudsen said.

While choosing the right flowers is an important step, equally important is taking care of them on the big day, said Michelle Virtue, 24, assistant manager at Campus Craft and Floral.

She said the two most important concerns should be keeping the flowers out of the heat and keeping them cool.

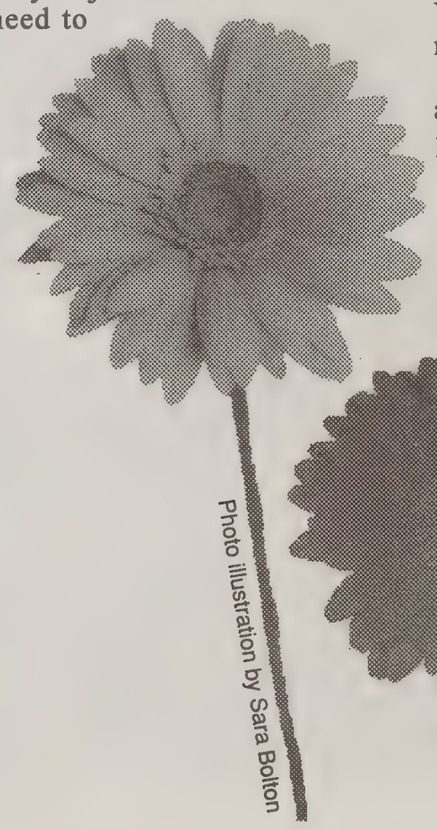
The optimal temperature for the flowers should be around 35 or 40 degrees, she said.

"It's a good a idea to keep the flowers in a cooler or a fridge while you're not using them," Virtue said. "Just don't make the mistake of getting them too cold."

She also said the bigger flowers arrangements should be watered periodically and the bouquets should be lightly misted throughout the day.

Knudsen said he often makes two bridal bouquets, especially if the ceremony is during the day and the reception is at night.

Above all, Virtue reminds brides, "Flowers can be the easiest part of the wedding."



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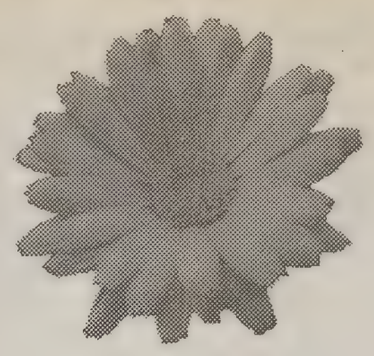

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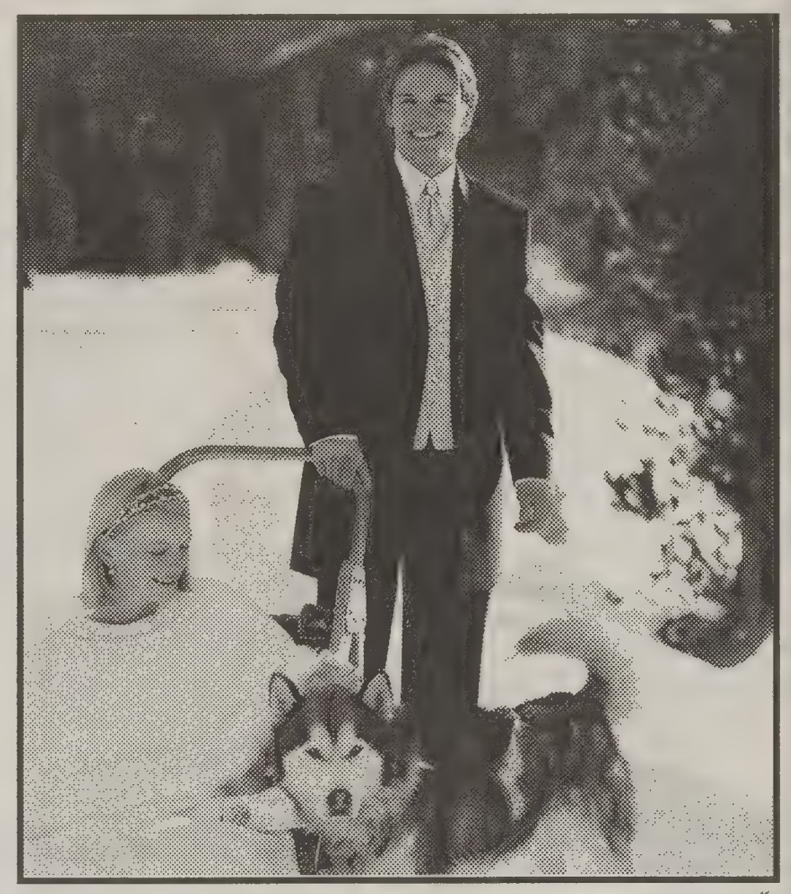

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munication and equal part- o aren't only helpful in mar- they are essential in plan- ne wedding as well, despite marriage traditions that working separately.

iitions like waiting until the ng day for the groom to see dding dress.

ssa Thompson, 20, a junior Clinton, Iowa, majoring in rsing, said, "I'm a very tra- l person, so I wouldn't let ee it until we were in the ."

ever the Thompsons, who been married for a little than a month, still planned edding together.

n Thompson, 22, a sopho- from Davenport, Iowa, ing in pre-business, said ng their wedding was a 50- ort.

ome, the big day seems like ride's day. But Rachael ensen, 23, a senior from George, Utah, in community education, disagrees.

not just my wedding-it's his ng," Christensen said. don't just say, 'That's your This is my thing.' You col- ate on your individual sibilities," said her fiancé, Fraser, 22, a sophomore in aphic Information Systems owder Springs, Ga.

discuss the plans together a d even though my opinion t matter all the time, I still ng with her," Fraser said.

Duncan, a professor in the l of Family Life, 46, said, ing a wedding provides tunities to pray and make decisions together, Duncan said.

"Express opinions, listen to one another, and make decisions together," Duncan said.

Christensen agreed that brides-to-be need to make sure they bring along their fiancés and consider their opinions.

"I think he should be just as involved as the bride," said Rachel Wiscombe, 19, a sophomore from Cedar Park, Texas, majoring in Marriage, Family and Human Development.

Holly Arnell, 20, a junior from West Valley City, Utah, in Elementary Education, said the groom should be included to whatever extent he desires.

"He has an opinion, obviously, but it doesn't mean it counts," Arnell laughed.

Planning a wedding together can encourage unity.

Thompson's wife, Marissa, said, "I think planning it together got us used to living together because you're planning for both people."

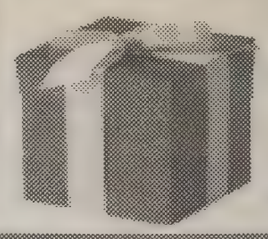
"I can't imagine going about such an important day without that unity," Duncan said.

"The Lord has commanded us to be one. As couples, we can't achieve oneness if we don't communicate about important matters and arrive at shared understanding and direction," Duncan said.

The Proclamation on the Family stresses that husband and wife should value and support one another as equal partners, said Duncan.

Some couples may still divide responsibilities, with brides tending to make a lot of the wedding decisions alone.

However, Duncan said separating responsibilities completely still isn't as good as discussing and deciding together.



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Ty Arnold, 23 a junior from South Jordan, Utah, majoring in film production, was married last month

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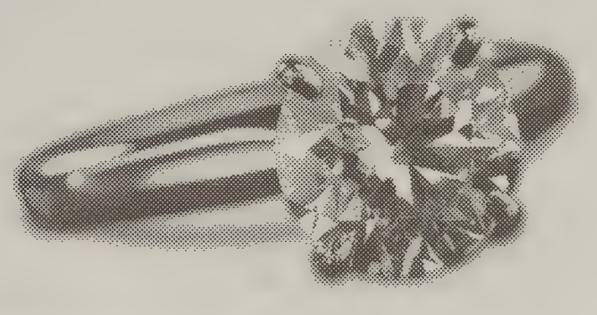

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Wedding details every bride should know

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There are 14 matters that most brides are never told until after they are married.

Today there are married ladies that are eager to talk about those matters.

Each subject matter is placed in random order of importance.

Pictures — If the wedding is in the afternoon couples can go to the temple grounds beforehand, or even a couple of days in advance to take their wedding pictures.

If the couple has hired a videographer, the couple needs to incorporate time for both the videographer and the photographer when planning out the day.

OB/GYN — There is a premarital exam that's required, so if brides have not met with one then they need to make an appointment today.

"A lot of brides forget to get their exams. A premarital exam is to check to see if you are healthy, get counseling on sexual compatibility," said Lila Rawlings, 34, medical assistant for 15 years at a OB/GYN in Provo and married 10 months.

Also, the office visit is to get a Pap smear to check for cervical cancer.

The exam will take five minutes unless there is a problem.

The rest of the visit, brides will talk with their doctor about our third subject matter, which is **birth control**.

Everyone reacts differently to birth control.

"Brides need to get on birth control usually three months before they are married," Erinn Brown, 24, a senior from Springville, Utah County, majoring in biology and psychology who has been married for seven months, said.

The three main forms are the pill, an injection four times a year and the birth control patch.

Fittings — Every bride will have at least one fitting before they are married.

When being fitted, bring the shoes that will be worn on the wedding day and also wear all the correct clothing underneath.

If brides have not gone through the temple, ask the people at the shop to make sure it's temple ready.

"A week before the wedding day, make sure that the dress fits properly and that you are completely covered to enter the temple," a bridal matron at the Provo temple said.

Also the dress needs to be pure white.

Clothes — Have someone responsible bring the many different outfits that the bride will wear during her wedding day.

"Through my years fitting ladies for the temple, most brides put their moms in charge of making sure all the clothes are ready," Anna Barbieri, fitting for New White Elegance Bridal, said.

The outfits may include the wedding dress, temple dress, clothes before the temple, and clothes after the reception.

Throw bouquet vs. Bridal bouquet — Flowers are not permitted in the sealing room, a bridal matron at the Provo temple said.

There is a refrigerator in the temple for brides to keep their bouquets fresh.

Brides may want to have two different bouquets for their wedding day.

"Some bouquets may fall apart when the bride throws it, so they may need to order one that will stay in one piece when thrown," Brown said.

Also, it is important to be sure the groom's boutonnière colors match the bride's bouquet.

Eat — Brides need to eat before and the day of the wedding.

"Many brides get dehydrated on their wedding day, so it is important to drink a lot of water, Wendy Clark, 20, a junior, from Pasco, Washington, majoring in biology composite teaching and married for two months, said.

Brides also need to wear sunscreen while standing outside the temple for hours taking pictures, Brown said.

Invitaions — Type up the address list and print it out twice on the stickers to then put on envelopes.

The first set of stickers will go on the invitations and the second set is for the thank-you letters.

"Have the invitations be of a smaller size so brides do not pay for extra postage," said Clark.

Evaluate — weddings are expensive. The special day is not only important to the bride and groom, but also to the family.

Families need to get together and discuss what things are important enough to spend more money on -- pictures, food, reception hall etc.

Hair — if either person in the couple is planning on a hair cut or coloring, they should schedule it a week or two before the big day.

Just so the person receiving the haircut can adjust to the new style or color if there is an unexpected OOPS, there will then be time to fix it.

Apartment — "To move in or not to move in," before you get married.

"It was very nice for me to come home from the honeymoon and have the majority of my stuff already moved into my apartment already," Brown said.

Marriage license — Every state/county has requirements.

Couples must have two forms of ID, pay $50 in cash, and get the marriage license a month before the wedding day.

"Or when I got married my fiancé paid with a money order," said Brown.

Keep old IDs — After getting married, brides will need to get their Social Security Number and driver's license changed.

However, brides need to keep the old driver's license because there will be old checks and bills with the maiden names on them.

Honeymoon — The couple must pack before they get married.

There will be a lot to do on the wedding day, so plan ahead. Itineraries are helpful (addresses, confirmation numbers, maps) so the couple doesn't have to figure out or worry about where they are traveling.

Brides need to make flight reservations in their maiden names, as to lessen confusion while traveling due to increased security.

What was their weird gift?

Expired boxes of food
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sister doesn't regret decision

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e term "Lock Your Heart" is important as scripture in the sionary Training Center.

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ere are generally two reasons a woman goes on a mission: e wants to serve the Lord sacrifice for Him, or 2. she is or 22 or 23), unmarried and d with life.

anks to President Gordon B. kley's talk a few years ago, econd reason is becoming to obsolete.

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proceeded to tell me about fun dates, and how well he d her.

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ttle jealousy crept in, as I t thought of the dating life ne months.

ple say missionaries come changed.

y sometimes forget their own lives changed as well.

The missionaries were absent during these changes.

This adjustment is why many missionaries are labeled "weird" during their first weeks home.

I later wrote a letter to my sister, congratulating her on her perfect find and telling her how wonderful a mission really is.

I hope she knows it's worth the sacrifice.

Preparation days fly by. The work was great, and the field was white.

Still I had no response from my sister, who promised to write me faithfully, until I received a thick, odd-shaped envelope – the wedding announcement.

Now, I did not receive a wedding invitation, since I had no possible way of attending.

Invitations are for those whom the bride and groom expect to see at the reception, not for those with no possibility of attending.

While on my mission, I received a stack of wedding announcements.

Each time, I had to tell myself, "lock your heart."

I acquired them from various friends and family members.

I have decided my mission not only was a spiritual investment, but also a monetary one.

I figure, having missed the receptions, bridal showers, and the "one last singles night," I saved between $200-$300.

It is no wonder that women cannot go on missions until the age of 21.

The majority never make it to 21 before the wedding bells ring.

What was their weird wedding gift?

Baby clothes

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Engagement stories warm hearts

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From two weeks to two years, engagements are unique to every relationship.

Relationships move from "Hi, what's your name?" to "Honey, will you marry me?" at very different paces, but to couples involved, the timing seems to be just right.

Tim Allred, a 25-year-old Mechanical Engineering graduate student, took his pre-mission sweetheart on a hike to propose.

The couple hiked up Donut Falls in Salt Lake. Then he knelt down and popped the question.

Virginia Allred, 24 years old, a senior majoring in chemistry, was not surprised at his asking since they had already been talking about marriage.

Allred said he was "nervous to ask. We'd talked about it before and so I knew how she'd answer, but the actual act of saying the words made me nervous. After I finally did it, I was relieved."

The Allreds were engaged for three months and Tim said it was just about right.

Aaron Basilius, a 24-year-old BYU graduate, dated Alyse Basilius, 19, from Provo, for about a year.

After baptisms at the Provo Temple, Aaron Basilius and his girlfriend Alyse walked through the gardens on the temple grounds.

They had already chosen a ring, but Aaron said Alyse was still surprised as he sat next to her on a bench and asked her to marry him.

"I guess I just wanted to make it nice for her, but I wasn't worried or nervous about what she'd say," Basilius said.

The Basilius' were engaged for five months, and they also say that it was just about right.

Rob Olsen, 22, from Idaho Falls, majoring in engineering information technology, first met 20-year-old Mindy in the first area on his mission, Forest Hill, Maryland.

After his mission, Mindy was attending Ricks College, and he came to BYU.

They e-mailed and started dating when he went home for the summer.

Three months into their relationship, Mindy went with his parents to a parent night at the youth camp, where he was working.

Rob took the parents on a hike, and as they turned around to look at the camp she noticed all the kids in the camp had spelled out "Marry me Mindy," with their bodies.

"I forgot to answer him," Olsen said. "When everyone started asking what my answer was, he said he didn't know because I hadn't answered. Then I said yes."

The Olsens were engaged for seven weeks, and like those before them, they once again said that it was just about right.

Local vendors offer brides deals, coupons

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For those that are getting married and need to be cautious with money, a few stores offer penny-saver options.

Tonya Ellis, manager of Allyse's Bridal, said her store offers packages for brides.

"We give them 40 percent off the veil with the purchase of the wedding dress," Ellis said.

Allyse's Bridal also gives brides who have purchased a dress coupons for 20 percent off invitations, 10 percent off flowers, and a free hair-do from a hair salon.

They also receive coupons for 10 percent off a wedding package with a videographer, and 50 percent off a bridal session with a photographer.

Recent bride, Maegan Duryea, 22, a senior from Houston, Texas, majoring in American studies, said she used some of the coupons she received when she bought her dress from Allyse's Bridal.

"Even though I didn't use all of them, it was nice to know that they were there," Duryea said.

Diane Daniels, owner of Sweetheart Bridal, said they offer low prices on gowns.

"We keep our overhead low so we can offer low prices," Daniels said.

With the purchase of the wedding dress, brides receive 10 percent off the price of a veil and 50 percent off the price of shoes.

"It would be nice to do everything you like and not worry about the price," said Duryea, "but that just can't happen."

Daniels said her store has a rack of discontinued gowns that sell at lower prices than the most recent gowns in her store. They range from $100 to $200.

Recently engaged Tiffany Gledhill, 23, junior from Provo majoring in public relations, said Utah stores are comparatively cheaper than stores in other states.

"If you look, you can always find deals," Gledhill said.

Orem Floral & Gift manager, Dawna Henderson, said that those who spend over $200 on a wedding order will receive a complimentary boutonniere and throw bouquet with a coupon that can be found in the Utah Weddings Book.

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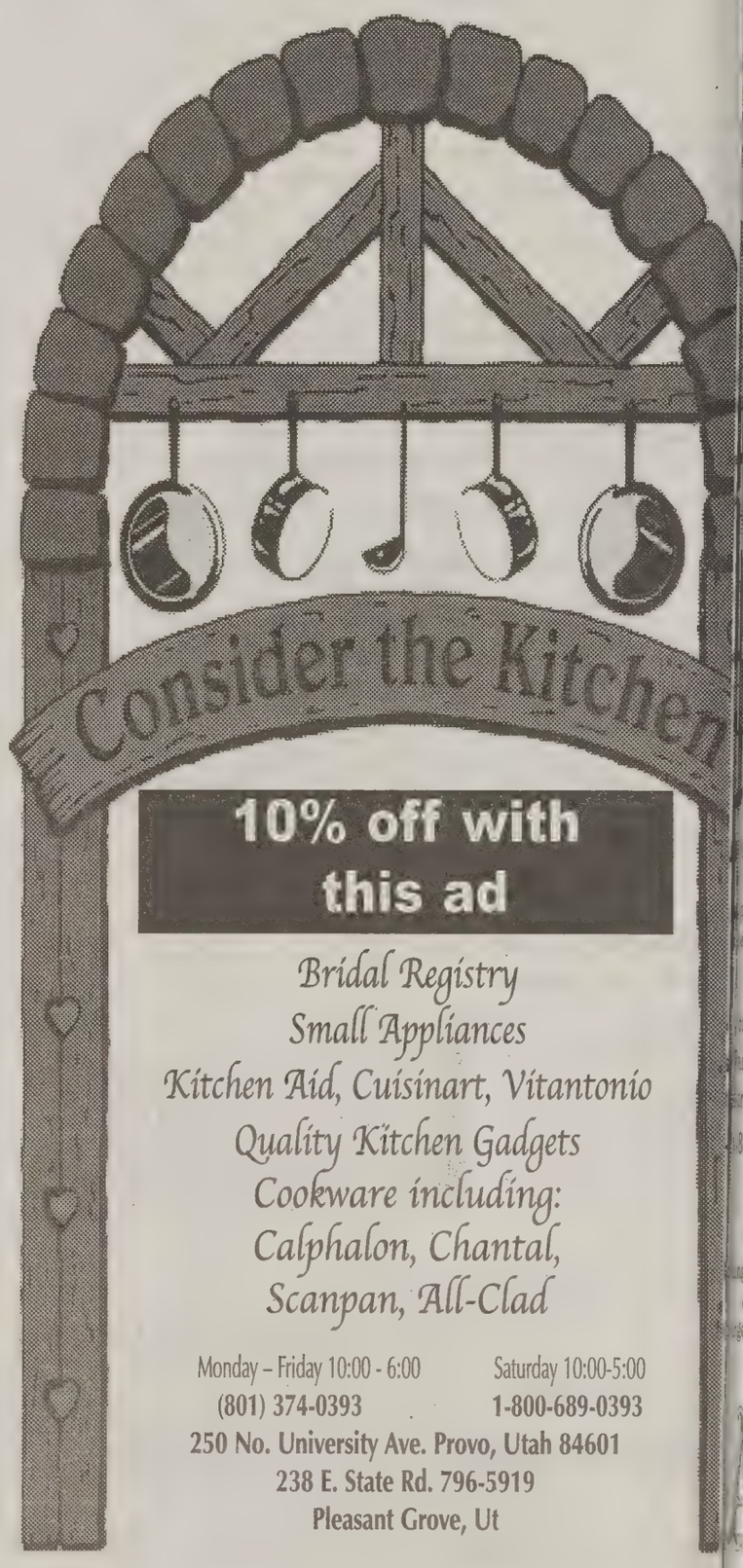

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Robert Lakko, 22, a junior from Billings, Mont., majoring in history, and his wife Katrina stayed in a cabin in Kamas, Utah, near Park City for their honeymoon.

Lakko said that they spent around $600.

"It was a lot of fun," Lakko said. "We were never bored. It had a good mix."

Lakko said the honeymoon is a time to spend with each other, and also a time to enjoy activities together.

Most couples go on their honeymoon right after the wedding, but for some BYU students that is not possible.

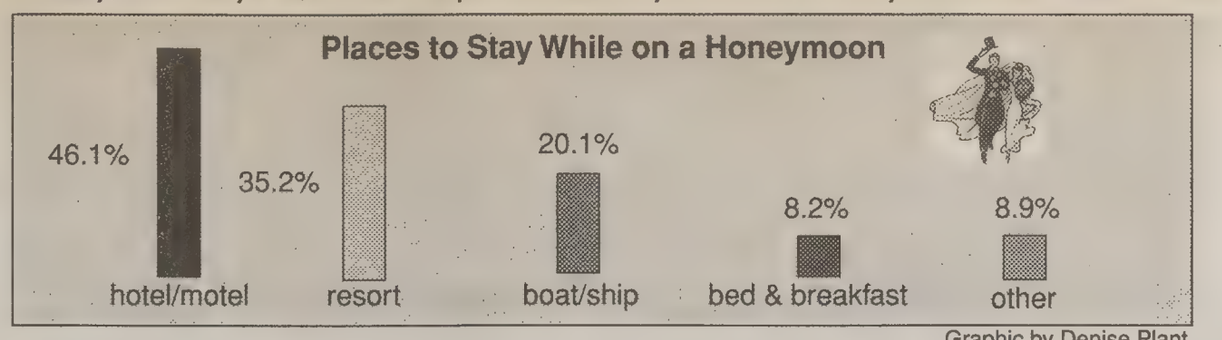
Heather Arnita, 26, a graduate student from Gilbert, Ariz., in European History, said she and her husband got married in the middle of the semester.

They took their honeymoon a month and a half later in France over Christmas break.

Arnita said the most important thing about the honeymoon is to spend time together in a new and interesting place.

John Knab, 22, a junior from Sandy, majoring in entrepreneurship, is engaged. He and his fiancée are considering Florida or San Diego for a honeymoon.

"It's important to be in a fun place," Knab said. "It's a time to be able to enjoy one another's company without the stresses of life."



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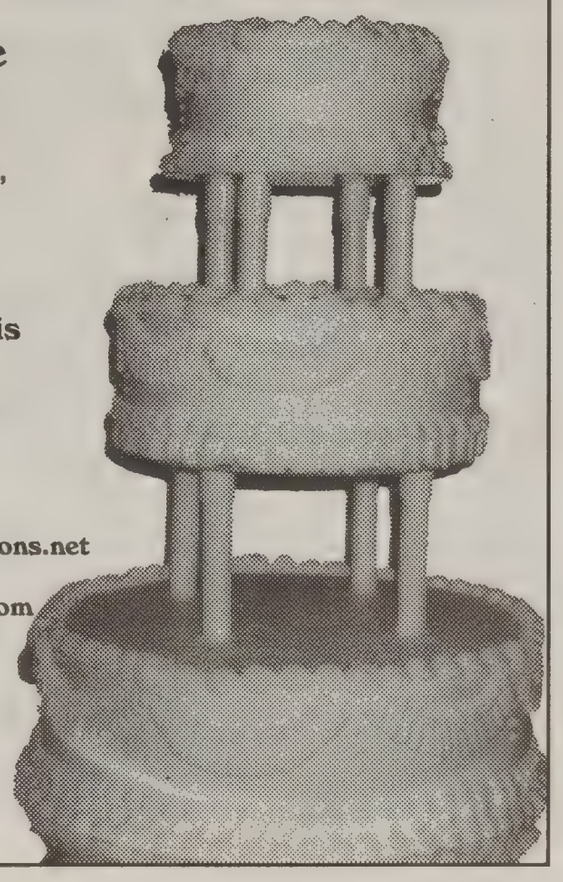

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Newlyweds struggle with married housing predicame

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Marriage brings many changes, including single stuchoices for couples. The BYU-owned complexes have a long waiting list; about 1,800 people are on the waiting list.

The average wait time is 10 to 12 months, according to the BYU Housing Office.

"As soon as one empties out, there's a person waiting," Gary Briggs, BYU married student housing manager, said.

The BYU apartments are less expensive than most off-campus apartments for couples, especially at the older Wymount complex.

At Wymount, monthly rent ranges from $425 to $540, for one, two, or three-bedroom apartments.

Wyview apartments are $535 for a two-bedroom unit, and $635 for a three-bedroom. In addition to being newer, these apartments have more square footage than Wymount units and are air-conditioned.

Both Wymount and Wyview rent include gas and telephone, but not electricity.

Average rent for off-campus couples' apartments according to BYU's off-campus housing Web site, is $490 for a one-bedroom apartment, $579 for a two-bedroom and $781 for a three-bedroom.

These apartments generally do not include gas, electricity or telephone. Utility rates vary, but they average about $80 monthly for gas, $33 for electricity and $25 for telephone.

Residents note other advantages to living in on-campus married housing, including its close-to-campus location, timely maintenance and groundskeeping, a close-knit student community and access to BYU Internet.

Clarinda Fontano, 30, a Y-Mount community aid and former BYU student from Las Vegas, Nev., said "The proximity really encourages closeness with neighbors and ward. You feel surrounded by friends."

But residents say there are some disadvantages to on-campus housing.

For example, there are no in-house washer and dryer hook-ups, so residents cart their laundry to a nearby laundromat facility.

Also, off-campus apartments are generally larger than on-campus units.

Finally, couples living in BYU married housing are required to follow the same restrictions as single student on-campus housing.

These restrictions include no pets, no burning candles and no live Christmas trees. The length of guests' stays is also limited.

Those who choose to live in on-campus housing say it's worth it, however. Some even prefer the restrictions.

"They're not a problem for me," Fontano said. "I would say in my area, less than 10 percent of the people living here have a problem with them. In the whole time I've been here, only a couple of people have said 'this rule's not fair and I want it changed or I'm getting out.'"

Wyview community aid and former BYU student Rebecca Whiting, 24, said some of the rules aren't convenient. "But it's worth living here despite th things," Whiting said.

A $25 non-refundable applicq which is good for two years, is to apply for on-campus housing.

For those who prefer off-camp or can't get into a BYU housing there are a variety of options.

Apartments range from one to more bedrooms, and are founo ments, large and small apartm plexes, houses, condominiums and four-plexes.

A list of available off-campus q found at BYU's off-campus ho site, www.byu.edu/offcampushc

Married couples seeking ho also check the classified ad newspapers, as well as the bul at the Wilkinson Student Center

"You want to be sure to read agreement," John Pace, mana campus housing, said.

"It is important to thoroughl the residence and ask questi landlord and, if possible, of f ants."

Temple marriage requires planning, preparation

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Erik Moll and Lisa Waddell chose the Oakland Temple as the site for their marriage ceremony.

Sitting dressed in white, Lisa Waddell, 23, reflects on the decision she made as a young girl to be married in the temple.

The road to the temple is not easy. It requires a great deal ofphysical, mental and spiritual preparation.

Physical preparation for a temple marriage includes some of the more tedious details of marriage. A time must be reserved at the temple of choice. A list of guests that will attend the ceremony must be made. These guests must then be contacted to find out if they'll be able to attend.

Because seating is limited, it is necessary to get a commitment from the guests said Erik Moll, 23, a resident of Cedar Hills, Utah County.

Once the guests have been chosen and a time reserved, the bride must search through a plethora of wedding gowns. Sounds easy enough, but ask any bride to be and you'll get a different answer.

"Finding a dress that followed temple guidelines and was attractive to me was one of the most difficult tasks before the wedding," Waddell said.

Despite the many roadblocks, planning makes everything come together. With the right amount of preparation, the ceremony can be pulled off with few problems,
Moll said.

Working out all the logistics can cause one to forget the mental and spiritual preparation necessary for a temple marriage, said Jacob Fechter, 23, a senior from Sacramento, Calif., majoring in psychology.

"We both worked and went to school, making it difficult to make all the arrangements," Fechter said. "Even with all those distractions we had to remember to read the scriptures and make time to talk about our future goals as a family."

Studying the scriptures and attending regular church meetings is a must in the area of spiritual preparation, Moll said.

"In addition, temple/marriage prep classes are available to help keep the focus and prepare for the big day," Moll said.

Moll and Waddell maintained a long-distance relationship for nearly three months prior to their marriage. On Feb. 2, 2002, they were married in the Oakland temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"Lots of people will try to give you advice on how to prepare for the temple," Moll said. "Our parents helped us a lot and reminded us to be conscious of the Spirit in our decisions."

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Bruce and Natalie Jepsen, of Provo, smile for the camera on their wedding day at Mount Timpanogos Temple.

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Smith, 23, from Fork, a former UVSC re majoring in humani- "We decided to simpli- edding so we could con- more on our marriage."

ncée, Jarrett Hammer, or from American Fork, in Human Biology, said e discussed a budget, ns for school and occu- d everything associated ning a family.

time we were engaged lot of things done, so us the chance to focus on the future," Smith said.

Hammer said he believes if couples are open with each other, when subjects come up they will feel comfortable enough to ask each other questions.

"Being open about everything is important so you don't have surprises when you are married," he said.

"Start developing habits now that you want later, because you won't be a different person from one day before the wedding to one day after," he said.

Engaged and married couples like Smith and Hammer are realizing the importance of planning for the marriage.

Brian and Martha Taylor have been married one year and eight months.

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Taylor, 24, a senior from Pleasant Grove, majoring in business, said some important subjects to discuss before marriage are finances, how to divide up responsibilities and life goals.

"A lot of times in Mormon culture, the wife's goals are thought to have to be compromised for the husband's goals," he said.

But couples need to discuss how to compromise in order to meet both partners' goals, he said.

Couples can plan for scripture study and Family Home Evening, Taylor said.

"Sit down and see what things you want to do spiritually each week," he said.

Will Kruger, 22, a sophomore from Kidderminster, England, majoring in accounting, said, "It's important to build communication."

Kruger said he and his wife, Trisha, communicated through e-mail and phone calls for most of their engagement, since she was attending BYU and he was in England.

He said he believes this really helped them learn to communicate.

Couples should talk about their differences, and include cultural traditions in their marriage, Kruger said.

Jeffry Larson, professor of marriage and family therapy at BYU, said marriage is the most important decision of your life.

"You need to learn about yourself, your partner, and your relationship," he said.

Couples need to learn their strengths and weaknesses, Larson said.

Couples can do this by attending marriage-prep classes, and also by taking a BYU comprehensive premarital questionnaire called RELATE, which will help them in preparing for marriage, Larson said.

The questionnaire is available at www.relate.byu.edu, he said, and couples can contact Larson to show them how to take it for free.

Larson said he believes a number of couples are uncomfortable talking about different aspects of marriage.

He said some of the important subjects that should be discussed include: money management, major marriage goals for the first five years, how many children to have and when to begin having them, the expectations for the wife concerning work and family and communication skills themselves–how to resolve conflict.

He said couples should also read one of a number of LDS books on having a good, healthy, sexual relationship in marriage.

Some spiritual things to do include, of course, asking for spiritual confirmation of your marriage choice and plans, Larson said.

"A couple should also spend time with each other sharing their testimonies and discussing what the role of spirituality will be in their marriage," he said.

Couples should discuss couple prayer, couple scripture reading, how to manage family home evenings, and especially before the children arrive, he said.

"They should be very clear with each other about their spiritual expectations of each other," he said.

"Sometimes men expect their wives to constantly remind them to do those things, but she expects him to do it without a reminder," he said.

"Those can be sticky issues later if they don't talk about it before marriage," Larson said.

Larson said he believes that marriage is a process that evolves over time.

"The first year is the most difficult," he said. "There are challenges and stresses that are normal."

Couples shouldn't be di aged by these challeng adjustments, he said.

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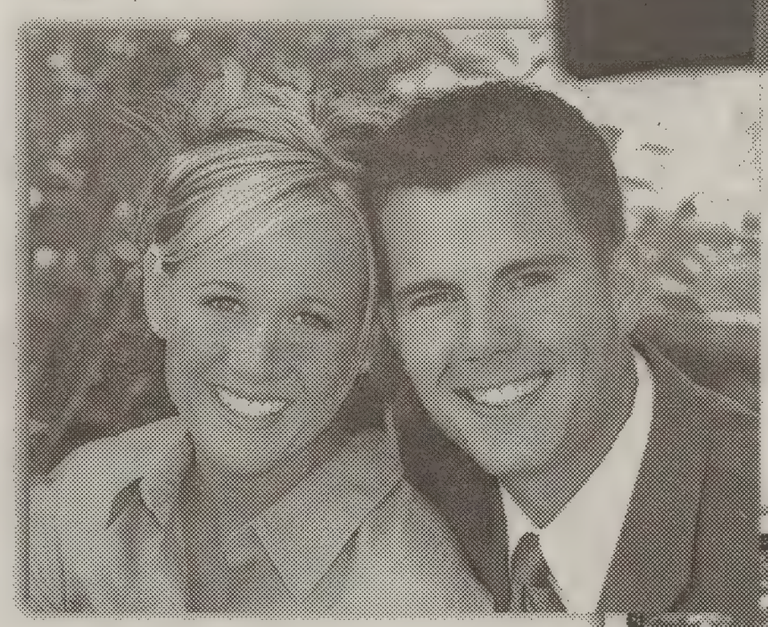

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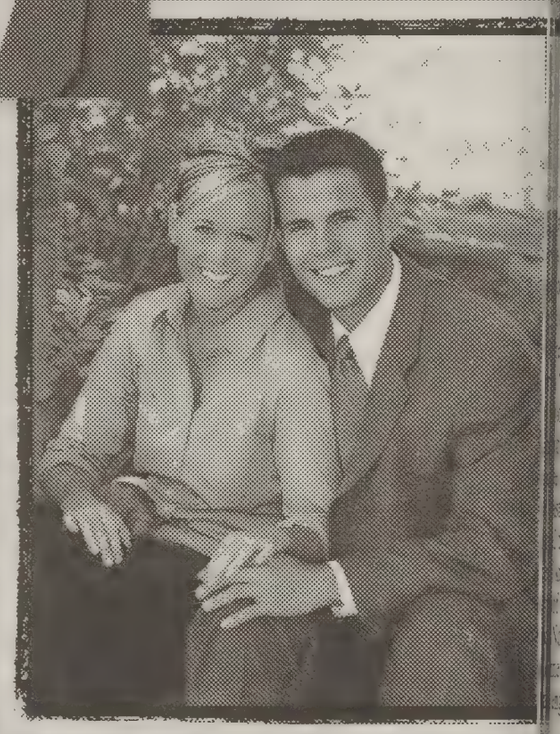

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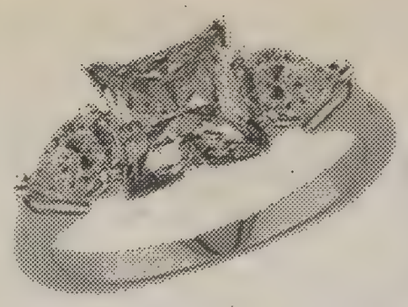

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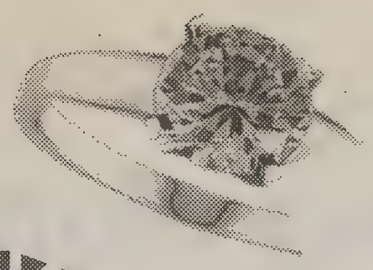

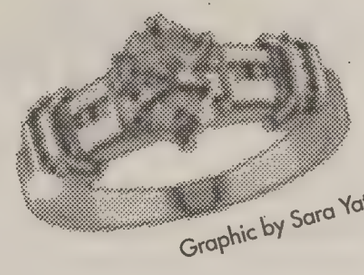

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ıamond advice: Do your homework

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r was the most important quality to me," said Brian Landreth, 23, a senior from San Diego, Calif., majoring in exercise science, who picked out a diamond for his fiancée before Christmas. "That's what everyone is going to notice first about it."

Simpson said diamond colors ranging from D to I are all of good quality and appear to be white.

Clarity: This is the amount of inclusions that a diamond acquired while forming, said Wilson.

"An inclusion can include white or dark spots, or bubbles in the diamond," said Simpson.

Wilson said that the degree of clarity would not affect the beauty of a diamond as much as the price of it.

The clarity scale ranges from F (flawless) to I (inclusions), Simpson said.

Diamonds ranging from F to SI in clarity are "eye clean," she said. "Past that, you'll be able to see flaws with the naked eye."

Carat: Carat — the weight of the diamond, not necessarily the size, said Wilson.

"Carat is what every guy and girl is looking for," said Matt Lee, 22, a sophomore from Phoenix, Ariz., with an open major.

Lee said that he spent three hours looking for a quality diamond for his fiancée.

Each jeweler values different qualities. However, Anderson said that after you look carefully at what is available, what looks good to you is right for you.

ving rings together increases satisfaction

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"If I'm going to share my life with him and the ring is a symbol of our eternal love, then I want to share the experience of picking out a ring with him," said Marianne Kent, a sophomore from Malad, Idaho, majoring in elementary education.

Newly-married couples who picked out the ring together seem to think they made a good choice.

Moriah Robertson / Daily Universe

A couple examines a diamond while ring shopping.

"It eases the stress on the guy to pick out the ring together," said Jayme Phillips, 20, a sophomore from Hillsboro, Ore., majoring in nursing, who was married in December. "I was able to pick out something that was nice and fit my personality as well as our budget."

Not only can shopping together mean ring satisfaction — it can also mean spending less.

"Experience suggests that when the girl and guy pick out the ring together, they often end up spending less," Bowen said.

Clarity-enhanced diamonds offer cheaper alternative

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If you are in the middle of, or just starting, the ring-shopping process, you may want to consider a clarity-enhanced diamond.

Clarity-enhanced diamonds are another way to save money. However, whether or not it's a worthwhile investment is still in debatable.

"Clarity-enhanced diamonds are basically stones that have been cleaned up," said Wade Allen, 25, a BYU graduate from Orem and former employee of Goldesign in Provo. "They take diamonds that nobody will buy and make them look a little better."

One of the ways to do this involves filling cracks in diamonds with molten glass to improve clarity, Allen said.

Clarity-enhanced diamonds have inclusions or imperfections that break the surface according to James Dixon of Goldesign.

Laser drills have also been used since the 1970s to enhance diamonds with imperfections.

In this process, small holes are drilled in the diamonds to reach dark inclusions, which can then be bleached with acid. Some, but not all, of these holes are then filled with a glass like substance.

These processes can be paralleled with that of filling a rock chip in your windshield, said David Hur of Hur Jewelers in Provo.

Dixon said that although clarity-enhanced diamonds can save the consumer money, it is Goldesign's policy not to sell clarity-enhanced diamonds under any circumstances.

"I personally feel they are extremely deceptive," Hur said. "Especially when they reach the secondary market."

It is the policy of jewelers to disclose that a stone is clarity-enhanced, but many times the owner may not disclose that fact to a future buyer.

"It's like buying a used car and not pulling the dip-stick to check if there is oil," Hur said. "The problem comes later."

Clarity-enhanced stones can be damaged during cleaning processes, prong repair or even in the actual setting of the diamond, if excessive amounts of pressure are placed on the stone, Hur said.

Kent Flowers, a salesman at Losee Jewelers in Provo, said that you may save from 30 to 50 percent by buying a clarity-enhanced stone, but he prefers not to sell them.

Jewelers said they prefer untreated stones to clarity-enhanced stones.

Some agreed that in rare cases when the consumer desires an extremely large stone, it may be a good idea to choose a clarity-enhanced stone.

"The main advantage is that to the unaided eye, the stone appears to have a higher clarity than it does," said Hur.

However, the Gemological Institution of America (GIA) will not give a clarity grade to clarity-enhanced diamonds.

The GIA certificate will merely state the stone is clarity-enhanced and assign the stone a weight

Month-to-month

Wedding planner helps count days

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Congratulations! You're getting married!

You know what that means — a lifetime of bliss with the companion you pledged to find in the pre-mortal existence (cue Saturday Night Warrior soundtrack).

But now the bad news: the planning of a logistical brouhaha

Planning a wedding is no easy task. "Have a plan and keep organized," advises Deni Ward, owner of I Do…Weddings.

"Have a planning folder you can carry with you. Gather all the information and go from there."

A timeline can help you know what needs to be done and when.

The following starter list was compiled from Martha Stewart Weddings, Modern Bride, and Bride Magazines.

However, as part of the LDS culture, engagements are typically shorter than tradition.

Thus, a shorter timeline has been incorporated.

THE BRIDE'S CALENDAR:

Three to four months in advance:
- •Arrange for a family get-together so the families can meet if they haven't already.
- •Set a date! The sooner you choose your date, the more likely you will be able to reserve the temple. Remember to be flexible, though, especially when planning a marriage in busy months such as May, June, or August.
- •Buy a comprehensive wedding planner. Keep all wedding information organized in a folder, binder, or pocket attached to the wedding book.
- •Create a tentative guest list.
- •Reserve the temple and the reception hall.
- •Set a realistic budget. Plan for clothing, reception costs, and the honeymoon.
- •Take engagement photos.
- •Hire musicians or a DJ for the reception, if desired.
- •Contact a caterer and decide on the budget, style, service and menu.
- •Choose your attendants.
- •Order dress and accessories. Check in advance to make sure your dress fits temple guidelines, as outlined in the June 1997 Ensign (p. 72).
- •Hire photographer/videographer.

Two to three months in advance:
- •Order stationary.
- •Compile a list of necessary flower arrangements and choose a florist.
- •Register for gifts.
- •Order a wedding cake.
- •Reserve any rental equipment.

One to two months in advance:
- •Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests.
- •Purchase wedding band for groom.
- •Plan the wedding party's transportation to the ceremony and reception.
- •Purchase guest book.
- •Mail the invitations four to six weeks prior to the wedding date.

Two to three weeks in advance:
- •Select and purchase wedding presents for fiancée and attendants.
- •Confirm all wedding day beauty appointments such as hair and makeup.
- •Finalize arrangements with photographer and videographer.
- •Finalize arrangements with florist.
- •Finalize transportation arrangements.
- •Confirm delivery or pickup times for attendant's attire.
- •Start planning your honeymoon wardrobe and targeting luggage needs.
- •Complete legal documents regarding name change.

One to two weeks in advance:
- •Have your final dress fitting and pick-up the bridal ensemble.
- •Finalize arrangements with caterer, and confirm the number of guests.
- •Research and make arrangements for the cleaning/storage of wedding dress.
- •Prepare thank-you cards to be mailed immediately after the wedding.

The day before:
- •Finish packing for the wedding night and honeymoon.
- •Assign responsibilities to members of the wedding party.
- •Get a good night's sleep — if you can!

The morning of the wedding:
- •Hair-dresser and makeup artist for the bride and bridesmaids.
- •Don't forget: car keys, wedding ring.

THE GROOM'S CALENDAR:

Three to four months in advance:
- •Pick out the engagement ring. If you want it to be a surprise, take along your fiancée's mother, best friend or roommate.
- •Book temple.
- •Register for gifts with fiancée.
- •Write tentative guest list.

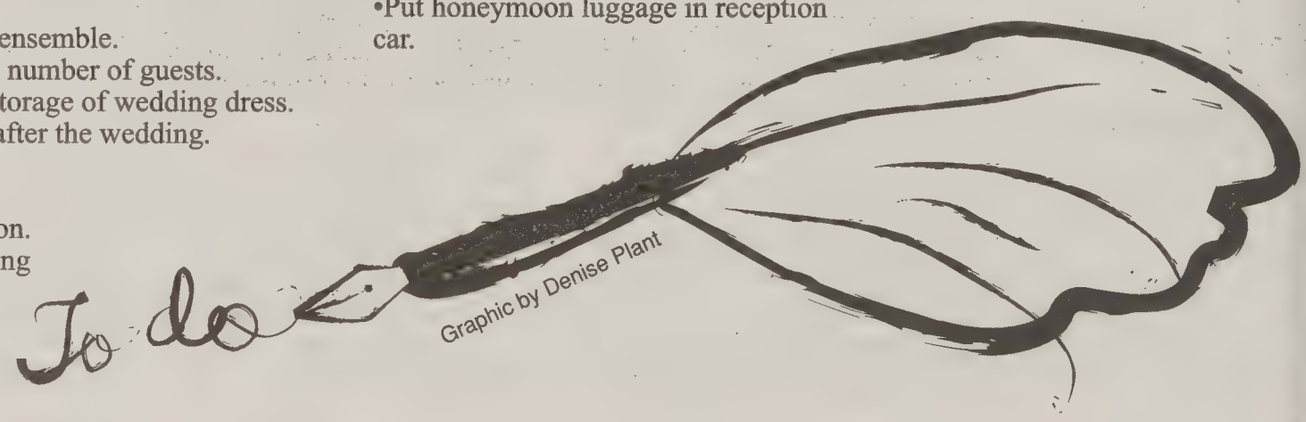
Two to three months in advance:
- •Arrange to pay for flowers.
- •Discuss and book honeymoon with your fiancée.
- •Obtain passport, if necessary.
- •Give your completed guest list to your fiancée.
- •Make formalwear rental agreements for yourself, best man, and ushers.

One to two months in advance:
- •Purchase wedding band.
- •Help your fiancée with thank you notes as you receive shower gifts.

Two to three weeks in advance:
- •Purchase your fiancée's wedding gift.
- •Purchase gifts for your best man and ushers.
- •If moving, arrange for transportation of your belongings.
- •Purchase the wedding license.
- •Best man should coordinate the final fittings for groom & ushers, arrange for pickup, and return of groom's tuxedo within a day or two after the wedding.

One to two weeks in advance:
- •Arrange for transportation from the reception to the airport or hotel.
- •Confirm honeymoon reservations.
- •Inquire about ATMs at your honeymoon site.
- •Pack going-away and honeymoon clothing.
- •Entrust payments to best man.
- •Do something nice for your fiancée — remind her why she's marrying you!

The morning of the wedding:
- •Don't forget: car keys, wedding ring, marriage license, keys to your home, airline tickets, passports, money, and honeymoon hotel accommodation information.
- •Put honeymoon luggage in reception car.



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When looking for a tuxedo, Clarke said there are some 'dos' and 'don'ts.'

"No vibrant colors," she said. "Yes to neutral colors: silver, black, white, gold, and crème. Do bring the bride in so she at least knows what he is picking out."

Christina Hansen, assistant manager, and Mandy Jensen, tuxedo consultant, both employees at Gingiss Formalwear in Orem, said the most popular tuxedos are the three- to five-button style tuxedos, complemented by a Windsor tie and a matching vest.

"The more buttons the better," Hansen said.

Clark said the tuxedo rental includes the jacket, pants, shirt, tie, vest, studs and cufflinks.

Grooms looking for good deals on tuxedos can find local tuxedo rental prices ranging from $39 to $99.

Most tuxedo rentals charge extra for shoes, ranging from $8 to $20.

Clark said the groom should order the tuxedo at least one month before the wedding day.

Brides recall dressing up, give tips

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He asks, she accepts, and then comes the difficult part: finding the wedding dress.

Looking for a wedding dress can be a daunting task, and many brides wonder where to begin.

"When I went to look for my gown there was a jungle of dresses. And there I was, just muscling through, looking for my dream dress. I was getting discouraged," said Mary Davis, 22, a senior from Las Vegas, majoring in nursing.

Erin Wilson, bridal consultant for Allyse's Bridal, suggested girls look for their dress six to seven months in advance.

"Girls will come in and buy their dress before their missionary comes home," she said.

While Wilson admitted this practice can be excessive, she said brides-to-be should begin looking for their dress as soon as reasonably possible.

"It's a process. It takes time to order the dress and get it altered. If you can start looking pre-engagement, it makes things easier," Wilson said.

After rummaging through five stores and trying on roughly fifty dresses, MaryAnne Bradshaw, 24, a senior from Elkhart, Ind., majoring in English teaching, finally found her perfect wedding dress.

She suggested girls browse bridal magazines before they start trying on dresses in order to get a feel for what they're looking for.

"I had no idea what I wanted before I went in, and it made it hard," she said.

Davis said girls should bring in a picture of a gown that they like.

"The consultants can tell you instantly if they have something like it or not. They'll know if they have something similar," she said.

While Becca Wilde, sales representative at Bridal Center, agrees girls should have an idea of what they're looking for, she also believes they should still be flexible when trying on dresses in the store.

"Girls need to be open to different styles. They'll come in with ideas of full, fluffy skirts, and that style's not right for all body types," Wilde said.

Had she not been open to what the bridal consultants suggested, Roni Shank, 23, a senior Eagar, Ariz., majoring in microbiology, said she wouldn't have found her dress.

"I didn't like it on the hanger, but I tried it on and I just knew that it was the dress," Shank said.

Erika Allen, a sales associate at Dianna's Bridal, said family members may also be a source for help.

Melanie Russ, 20, a junior from Fruitland Park, Fla. majoring in family life and home economics education, brought her sister and her sister-in-law along to help.

"It was definitely a family bonding experience," she said.

Wilde suggests leaving the fiance at home.

She said there's a good reason for the tradition that bars the groom from seeing the dress before the wedding.

"They have this idea of what their wife should be wearing, and yet they don't have any clue what's in style," Wilde said.

"The groom is going to think his bride is beautiful on the day they're married no matter what she's wearing," she said.

Wilson said the most important thing is for girls to buy a dress that suits their personality.

Bradshaw agreed. "The most important thing is how you feel in the dress. I got a dress that reflects me and makes me feel pretty," she said.

Looking for the wedding dress is every little girl's dream, Erin Olsen, 20, a senior from Brentwood, Calif., majoring in elementary education, said.

"You need the ring and the dress, and the rest are just details," Olsen said.

Wilde said she can tell when a girl has found the dress that she likes.

"When a girl finds her perfect dress, she stands in front of the mirror in absolute awe," she said.

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The groom has the responsibility of providing the engagement ring and wedding band.

He also takes care of: the bride's wedding gift, gifts for the best man and groomsmen, his own attire, the marriage license, the bride's bouquet, flowers for the mothers and grandmothers, boutonnieres and the honeymoon.

The groom's family gets off easy compared to the bride's family. They are responsible for: their own wedding attire, their own travel and lodging, a wedding gift for the bride and groom and the rehearsal dinner.

Those are the expenses accumulated in a traditional wedding, but here in Utah we are far from traditional.

The costs are allocated a bit differently for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"I would say the main differences in an LDS wedding compared to a traditional wedding are: the groom's family only pays for a luncheon, all the flowers except for the bridesmaids, the tuxedos and the honeymoon," said Nikki Shepherd, 26, a wedding consultant.

The groom's family also picks up the majority of the grooms expenses, Shepherd said.

The groom's family gets off spending a lot less than the bride's family.

"As in most weddings, the bride's family is left picking up the big check," said Anna Smith, 31, a wedding consultant.

After the pictures, reception, dress, most of the flowers and other odds and ends, the bride's family is left with the largest financial burden, Smith said.

"For just another glimpse of the expression on my daughter's face on her special day, I would do it all again," said Stuart Nelson, 46, a business owner from Salt Lake City. "And with two other daughters, I probably will."

Graduating single: Not end of world, hope still exists

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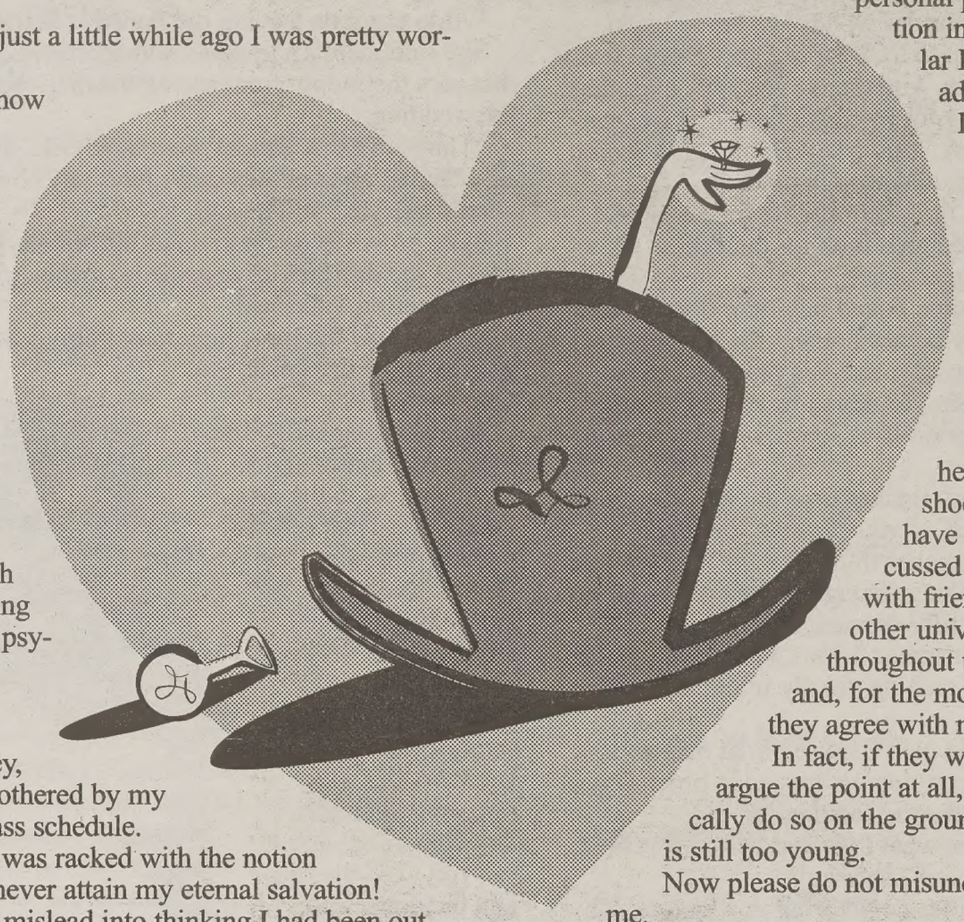

Up until just a little while ago I was pretty worried.

I don't know that many other college students struggle with the same problem I did, but for months it mercilessly consumed my every thought with its suffocating grip on my psyche.

I wasn't concerned about money, nor was I bothered by my rigorous class schedule.

Rather, I was racked with the notion that I may never attain my eternal salvation!

Don't be mislead into thinking I had been out heinously sinning, and thus consigned my soul to endless misery in fiery pits and smoldering lakes of brimstone.

No, the source of my overpowering angst was regarding the fact that I am 23 years old, a senior at BYU, and as single as a celibate monk.

I mean, here I am at the Mormon Mecca, a location that has more temple-worthy single young women per square inch than anywhere else on the planet, and so far I have been unable to find my eternal companion among them.

What on earth could be wrong with me?

And then I snapped out of it.

I remembered that when I first came to BYU I came confidant, knowing that my own perfectly well-adjusted father had married, at the ripe old age of 28.

I recalled that, until I allowed myself to be brought into the BYU bubble and permitted my personal participation in the popular Provo paradigm shift, I had always assumed 28 to be a perfectly normal age for settling down.

Now here's the shocker: I have since discussed the matter with friends at other universities throughout the nation and, for the most part, they agree with me.

In fact, if they wish to argue the point at all, they typically do so on the grounds that 28 is still too young.

Now please do not misunderstand me.

Marriage is good.

It is honorable and important, and if it comes at an early age, then more power to us all.

But we don't need to worry if we have not found someone to be sealed to by the time we graduate from this institution.

Popular "Y" culture would have us believe that if we are not hitched by the time we reach our early to mid-twenties then we may as well throw in the towel.

Sorry folks, but that's not the way it is.

Wouldn't we all be better off living our lives as best we can, not worrying if we graduate unwed?

We need to stop propagating those old Mormon myths.

Besides, we could all use that tuition refund.

Overcoming bridal-shower bli

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The words "bridal shower" make me gag.

I feel like I've been force fed wedding cake covered in six inches of decorative frosting that tastes like crunchy shortening.

With over 30 female cousins, five sisters and hordes of married friends I've been to more bridal showers than birthday parties.

I have nothing against a bride-to-be's friends and family getting together to catch up, lend support and give gifts.

I'm not complaining about the food either.

Even though it's always the same, I'm actually quite fond of chicken salad with celery and cashews, or those little glasses of bubbly red punch.

I'm not complaining about inappropriate gifts or conversation either because it's never been an issue.

But who even cares what we talk about – it's the cheesy little games that make me hostile.

Example: the toilet paper wedding dress game.

The object of this tacky little game is to design a wedding dress by taping rolls of toilet paper with masking tape to the bride-to-be's body. My aunts took four hours to complete their toilet paper masterpiece at a cousin's bridal shower.

Four hours!

I was asleep in the corner with my fifth chicken salad sandwich by the time they finished.

Or how about this one: You pass around some basket with a big pink bow on it filled with kitchen utensils and blank notes.

You close your eyes, take a utensil and come up with related words of advice for the couple. "Hey, Teresa, I hope you can open up to your husband like canned pineapple and this can opener."

Bridal showers alwa some game that tests the of the couple's relatio quizzing them on obsc about the other person.

They call up the fianc hand and ask him thi "What color of lipstick d best on Teresa?" or "V been your favorite date?"

He cooperates beca thinking, "If I answer th little questions, maybe t me finish the leftover salad."

The bride-to-be has to g his answers were.

"He likes my frosty p prise lipstick best," she' conviction, "and his fav was our picnic at Bridal where we kissed for the f

When she finds out h likes her red lipstick doesn't even own a tub favorite date was the Ja game they went to, s momentarily reconside for her.

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If you're trying to brib come to your shower, d really good menu and sk gifts of bath salts or lip the lame games.

The way I see it, ther two reasons a bridal worthwhile.

First, so the bride-to-b in presents.

Second, because the food for everyone else.

I propose a bridal shov tion: the drive throu shower– quick, effic therefore painless.

Just don't forget th salad.

Engaged couples: Learning to co-exist with the excessively sap

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Living with engaged roommates can either be enjoyable, or can necessitate the wearing of a blindfold and earplugs.

I don't profess to be an expert in premarital dealings.

However I have lived with my fair share of engaged roommates. So far, they have fit into two areas. Some have been examples of what I want to be like when I'm engaged.

Others have brought out the three-year-old inside me that screams, "Ewww, get a room!"

Now before you dismiss this as another bitter diatribe from a BYU single, let me say that I like engaged people.

I really do.

In fact, I plan to join their ranks someday. But I can't understand some of their reasoning.

Do the engaged think there is some kind of magic bubble around them that hides them from the rest of the world?

They must, or else why would they shamelessly make out in front of me?

The sounds of "SportsCenter" can drown out slurping noises only so long before you want to grab a bucket of cold water.

And why do some couples blow off prior commitments in favor of picking out matching salt and pepper shakers?

I know planning a wedding is time consuming and important, but please, don't blow off our class project just to register for wedding gifts or do laundry with your honey.

On the flip side, I know couples that absolutely bring out the best in each other. They are a blast to be around. They are not so dependent on each other that they ignore a roomful of their friends.

They are considerate.

I'm reminded of the coach of the Jamaican Bobsled team in "Cool Runnings," who said, "If you're not enough without it, you will never be enough with it."

You have to know who you are individually before you can ever make it as a couple.

I can't stand it when people talk like their life will be fulfilled when they find a spouse.

That's why I don't like the end of "Jerry Maguire" (give me a break — it was edited).

His line to Renée Zellweger is indeed romantic and appropriately cheesy.

"You complete me." Sigh.

Unfortunately, this now famous line suggests an inherent void that only another person can fill.

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Be a whole person firs

In my observation, pe are satisfied with who t individuals tend to be their relationship.

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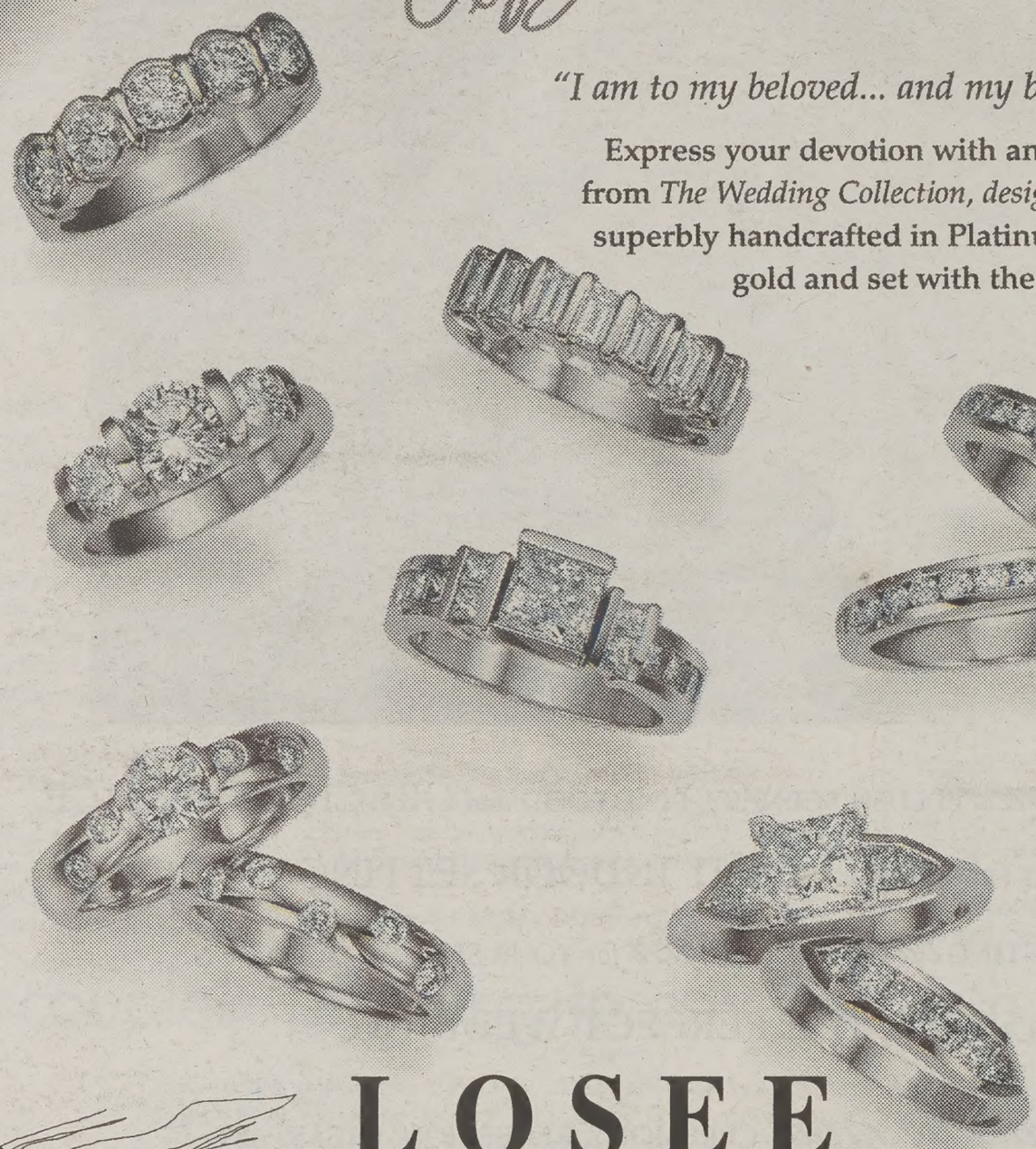

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